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Japan faces tough action over exports

Ban on national airline possible at Heathrow

By Richard Evans and Colin Narbrough

The Government will this week consider a package of tough trade sanctions against Japan, including the possible banning of the country's national airline from Heathrow airport.

The details and strength of the new measures will be thrashed out between ministers and officials in the Department of Trade and Industry over the next 72 hours but it is known that backdoor import controls in the shape of non-tariff barriers are also under serious consideration.

If Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her colleagues gave the go-ahead to such proposals it would mean placing time-consuming bureaucratic restrictions in the way of Japanese exporters, with their goods being subject to detailed product tests, examination for health and safety and certification.

"In effect we would put into operation the whole apparatus which the Japanese use against us but which we, at present, don't have available."

one leading DTI source said yesterday.

"It would very greatly restrict the volume of Japanese imports coming into this country. It would cut down the flow from whatever sector we wished to attack."

The French, who have shown themselves masters at introducing "red tape" to thwart unwanted imports, are understood to have suggested to British ministers the new way of tackling the flood of Japanese imports and have floated the idea of a joint Anglo-French operation.

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The key battle in drawing up the package of sanctions will now centre on Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, who is known to favour a tough line against the Japanese, and his more cautious officials. Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who will present his department's shortlist of measures to the Cabinet, is expected to arbitrate.

While new powers in the Financial Services Act which would allow the Government to revoke the licenses of Japanese firms trading in the City could be enforced, some ministers are urging caution so as not to damage Britain's invisible trade earnings.

If Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues agreed to switch Japanese Airlines from Heathrow to Gatwick it would not only have "horrendous" administrative implications but would cause massive loss of face to Japan, according to ministerial sources.

Meanwhile, Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, will this week ask Japan to provide a clear timetable for opening up its market to British financial institutions.

He will sumbit the demand in talks in Tokyo with the Japanese government at which he will make clear that Japan would be grievously wrong to think that the anger over Japanese trade policy expressed in the Commons this week was merely hot air.

Mrs Thatcher, who has written personally to Mr Yasuhiro Nakusone, the Japanese Prime Minister, over Tokyo's efforts to bar Cable & Wireless, the British telecommunications group, from seeking a big slice of Japan's telephone market, gave warning of possible British retaliation before Parliament on Thursday.

Mr Howard told *The Times* yesterday that he would seek "pretty specific assurances" for Japanese action on market opening. The powers of retaliation that Britain would have under the Financial Services Act already had a definite time frame — they would be in place by the end of this year.

Those would allow Britain

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Candle for peace on historic Moscow mission



Mrs Thatcher lighting a "candle for peace" at the Holy Trinity monastery of St Sergius at Zagorsk yesterday, watched by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

Thatcher set to press home rights demands

From Robin Oakley, Moscow

On the eve of crucial talks with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday declared that she was representing Britain on an "historic mission" and that she had lit a candle for peace.

At the same time she underlined her determination to press for greater religious and personal freedom in the Soviet Union, despite the attacks on her in the Soviet Press for seeking to meddle in the country's internal affairs.

Mrs Thatcher made a specific gesture of solidarity with Russian Christians by visiting the Holy Trinity monastery of St Sergius at Zagorsk yesterday morning.

At a reception and lunch with Russian Orthodox Archimandrite Georgy and with the metropolitan patriarch, Mrs Thatcher said: "For a few short minutes I have paused to reflect with you. I have lit my candle — one among so many — representing the hopes, fears, the anxieties and the prayers of thousands of anonymous but important individuals."

The next day, she told them, she would be laying a wreath beside the flame at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in respect to the memory of suffering, death and destruction in the fight against tyranny and oppression.

"Today's small flame, the candle which I have lit, is for the future in the hope that my visit to the Soviet Union will carry forward the cause of peace with freedom and justice. I pray that it will."

She later told a reporter who asked about the politics of her visit: "I am here to represent my country on an historic mission."

Mrs Thatcher will today meet Mr Gorbachov for two rounds of talks. In the morning they will be alone with interpreters while Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, has a separate meeting with his Soviet counterpart Mr Eduard Shevardnadze. Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov will later continue for some time together before calling in their foreign ministers.

The talks will centre on arms control issues and range over such subjects as Afghanistan, the Middle East and trade cooperation. But Mrs Thatcher is determined not to lose the opportunity of pressing on human rights issues.

She will persevere with her theme that any deal the Soviet Union offers on arms control will be judged on how she treats her own people.

As she entered Soviet air space on Saturday Mrs Thatcher emphasized to reporters her concern with religious and other human freedoms.

She said: "If we are going to start talking about verification they have got to be very free and open. The way in which you treat your own people is the way you would treat others overseas.

"If you are going to deny them freedom of speech and freedom of worship then you are a danger to other countries." She made clear her reservations about a country which persisted in "putting people in prison for their political and religious beliefs."

The objective was not just arms reduction but freedom and justice together with arms reduction.

Mrs Thatcher emphasized that the Soviet Union had made moves in the right direction, and the West could not expect Mr Gorbachov to move too fast. She said that she and he had a mutual respect which enabled them to get down to "the nitty gritty" of negotiations.

Kinnock fights back as split with US deepens

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

With the Labour Party attempting this week to restore its credibility, Mr Denis Healey yesterday accused President Reagan's advisers of acting to help Mrs Thatcher's election chances by their behaviour afterthe encounter between Mr Neil Kinnock and the President.

Both he and Mr Denzil Davies, the party's defence spokesman, stepped up the personal attacks on Mr Reagan in an attempt quickly to repair the damage caused by Mr Reagan's rejection of Labour's non-nuclear policy as a threat to the unity of Nato.

The offensive will be maintained this morning when Mr Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley, his deputy, make breakfast television appearances to emphasize what they will claim were the advances made by the discussions at the White House on Friday in getting across Labour's commitment to Nato and to shifting spending from nuclear to conventional forces.

Later today, as he fights to regain the initiative after falling to third place in the polls, Mr Kinnock and Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, will launch Labour's new partnership deal with the unions on economic policy.

Mr Healey's astonishing charge against White House staff was made in television and radio interviews and can only mean a further deterioration in relations between the Labour Party and the American administration.

It came after the wildly differing accounts of Friday's talks put out by Mr Kinnock and his staff, and by Mr Marlin Fitzwater, Mr Reagan's press spokesman.

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Apart from claiming that Mr Fitzwater was not even present at the talks Labour leaders claim that his account of the events was wrong on at least three counts.

They say that Mr Kinnock did not, as the official statement said, raise the issue of his unilateral nuclear disarmament policy, but the President did not state Labour's policy would undercut the American position at the Geneva arms talks and that Mr Fitzwater had underestimated by almost a third the duration of the meeting when he said that it had taken 20 minutes.

White House officials at the weekend stood by Mr Fitzwater's account

Interviewed on BBC television's *This Week, Next Week*, Mr Healey confirmed that on Friday Mr Reagan had mistaken him for the British ambassador, Sir Antony Acland.

Mr Healey also cast doubt on the President's grasp of affairs. He said Mr Reagan did not understand "the rougher, never mind the finer" points of Labour's policy.

He appeared to think Labour wanted to throw away all weapons.

The President had used cue cards when making points.

Mr Davies, in a London Broadcasting Company radio interview, said: "Whether the White House were incompetent or malevolent or fools or knaves I am not sure."

He said there had been reports that Mr Reagan had difficulty recognizing his own staff and people in the Administration were appalled by the laxity and incompetence being shown.

Last night, the White House declined to say whether Mr Fitzwater had actually attended the Oval Office meeting. To every question a spokesman responded: "I have nothing to add to what Mr Fitzwater said on Friday."

Walkabout puts lie to the Iron Lady image

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Defying more than 10 years of vilification in the official Soviet media, Mrs Thatcher, first dubbed the "Iron Lady" in 1975, took to the muddy streets of the Soviet Union yesterday and found herself greeted with an enthusiasm and warmth that took both Soviet officials and British political observers by complete surprise.

The woman who has been repeatedly depicted as a "lackey" of President Reagan, an uncaring advocate of a social policy which has divided Britain, and a ruthless worshipper of nuclear power, was given the type of welcome that would not have shamed Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Kremlin-leader who pioneered such meet-the-people tours here.

As she arrived at the bleak residential suburb of Krylatskoye on the first Western-style walkabout ever conducted in Moscow by a foreign leader, an apparently spontaneous cheer and applause rang out from the crowd of about 1,500, gathered in biting winds outside the 17-storey tower-block where she went to visit some selected families.

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RAF sets deadline for radar system

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A cash and time deadline for solving the continuing problems of the radar being installed in Tornado fighters is to be set by the Ministry of Defence.

Although the RAF still believes that the Foxhunter radar, being developed by GEC, is the best system available for the jets, it is becoming increasingly frustrated by the lack of real progress in ironing out technical problems.

The RAF is to tell the company this week that unless these can be solved soon, and at a cost of no more than £100 million, it will be forced to install a different system.

The Saudi Arabians, who are buying 24 Tornados as part of a £4 billion arms deal with Britain, are also worried that the radar will not be working when their new Tornado squadrons become operational in two years' time. They had specified that the aircraft should be fully up to RAF specifications.

Foxhunter, which is designed to detect incoming enemy aircraft up to 120 miles away and guide the Tornado's missiles, is now six years behind schedule and has cost at least £650 million. £250 million more than was budgeted. Coming on top of the problems with the Nimrod early warning aircraft, the Foxhunter difficulties could not have come at a worse time for the company, which remains convinced it can solve the problems.

The RAF is already evaluating alternatives and is ready to set a financial limit on the development work.

Both the Ministry of Defence and GEC will make a full statement later this week on what the problems are, what has been achieved so far and what can be done to get the system fully operational.

Anglo-Irish Agreement

Labour offer to Unionists

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Labour would offer the Ulster Unionists an early review of the Anglo-Irish Agreement as part of a package of measures to win their support in the event of a hung parliament after the general election.

The support of the 14 Unionist MPs could prove critical to Labour's chances of forming a minority administration, despite its slump in the opinion polls.

Although the bitterly-contested agreement is not due for review until November 1988, Mr Stuart Bell, one of Labour's two Northern Ireland spokesmen, said at the weekend that it would be brought forward in the event of an early election and that the views of the Unionists would be listened to.

On the basis of that and other pledges, including the restoration of local government to Northern Ireland, more economic aid, and greater scrutiny of Northern Ireland legislation at Westminster, "we would fully expect the Unionists to support Labour on a Queen's Speech if there were to be a hung Parliament and to return to the House of Commons", he said.

There would be no formal deal, however, and Labour would not tear up the agreement. That has been made clear to Mr James Molyneaux and the Rev Ian Paisley in a series of private meetings that have been held with the Labour leadership over the past few months.

Mr Bell now plans to visit the Unionist MPs in their constituencies to explain Labour's position and hear their views.

In a speech in Workington on Saturday, Mr Bell, MP for Middlesbrough, outlined options for local government that could be offered to the province.

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Runcie reviews his moral horizons

The Archbishop of Canterbury has become "less liberal" in some of his views, he says in an interview in *The Times* today. "I used to be rather glib with this idea that with greater knowledge, moral horizons are enlarged," he says. "But I have become uncomfortable with those arguments."

Questioned by Bernard Levin on the subject of personal morality, Dr Runcie, who has been criticized in some quarters of the Church of England for not providing a lead on the question of Aids, says that while Christians might have become less inclined to hold rigid views on moral issues, "I think we ought to be extending the area of the sacred rather than restricting it."

Asked if the Chief Constable of Manchester's widely publicized comments on Aids and homosexuals were basically right, he says: "Well, by being so unhelpful I can't think he was doing right."

On the distinction between the nature and the action of homosexuality, he says: "I have seen homosexual couples actually providing in terms of simple human generosity, hospitality, artistic achievement and flair, what I can't gainsay as human good; on the other hand, they seem to do that out of what to me is a moral handicap."

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Marines let Russians wander at will in embassy

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Senior Pentagon officials are aghast at the extent of the freedom two young guards apparently gave to Soviet spies to roam around the US Embassy in Moscow.

The Marine Corps said the men allowed Soviet agents to spend hours wandering through some of the most sensitive sections of the embassy on "numerous occasions" last year. The guards are said to have worked as a team, with one keeping a lookout while the other turned off the alarms.

The Soviet agents entered such areas as the defence attache's office, the communications processing unit and "sensitive intelligence spaces", the Marine Corps said. Prosecutors allege that the Marines allowed the agents to "peruse" such secret facilities as the room where messages are encoded and decoded.

One of the guards, Sergeant Clayton Lonetree, is accused of giving the Russians blueprints of American embassies in Moscow and Vienna, classified documents from a bag of sensitive material supposed to have been destroyed, and the identities, telephone numbers and addressses of "covert US intelligence agents".

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, said the US had suffered "a very great loss" from agents rooting through secret areas of the embassy. Administration officials said they were worried because the Moscow embassy is used as the command post for some of the Central Intelligence Agency's most closely-guarded intelligence gathering operations.

However, officials said it seemed unlikely that the two Marines could have given access to all sensitive parts of the embassy. The guards would possess little knowledge of secret operations and equipment. While damaging, the affair was not expected to be of catastrophic proportions.

Mr Weinberger said the Pentagon would investigate "the whole system" for providing security at US embassies.

Sergeant Lonetree, aged 25, and Corporal Arnold Bracy, aged 21, allegedly were involved sexually with two Soviet women. They allegedly facilitated Soviet espionage between January and March last year.

Both are in custody in Virginia, awaiting a decision about whether their commanding officer will convene court-martial proceedings. If prosecuted through the federal court system they could be sentenced to life imprisonment if convicted of spying. Under the military justice system, the charge carries the death penalty.

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Schools in shift to earlier day

Most British schoolchildren in the 1990s will start lessons at or soon after 8am and finish between 2pm and 3pm, according to the main head-teachers' union.

The National Association of Head Teachers has been deluged with requests from members to introduce a "continental" school day since the refusal of teachers to supervise school lunches as part of the pay dispute .....Page 3

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NEWS SUMMARY

Beware Labour, warns Archer

Labour, languishing in third place in the opinion polls, remains a potent political force, Mr Jeffrey Archer, the former Conservative vice-chairman, said yesterday.

Mr Archer, gave a warning against underestimating the party's power. "The Labour Party are always shooting their own foot, but still stand up later to walk, and walk quite well".

With the Alliance threatening the Conservatives, especially in many southern constituencies, Mr Archer's remarks may have been an attempt to bolster the Labour vote at the expense of the Liberals and Social Democrats.

Mr Archer saw no reason why Mrs Margaret Thatcher should not go on for another four or five years. "She is now the most experienced prime minister in the western world. Why should we get rid of such an asset. When you have built up so much knowledge you should go on."

Fleming in court

Mr John Fleming appeared at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London, on Saturday after his seven-month battle in the American courts against deportation on a charge connected with the Brink's Mat bullion robbery in 1983.

He did not apply for bail on the charge that between November 26, 1983, and March 26 this year, he dishonestly received £1,100,000.

He will next appear at court with his wife, Lesley, who is on £30,000 bail also charged in connection with the £26 million robbery at Heathrow Airport.

Surgeons warned

Surgeons and health service managers who do not do enough to cut hospital waiting lists face a crackdown under Labour, the party's chief health spokesman said today.

Launching Labour's programme to reduce waiting lists, Mr Michael Meacher said: "Poor management currently leads to underuse of operating theatres".

Labour would make reduction of waiting lists a target in assessing managers' performance. It would be up to them to ensure that those surgeons who could do more operating did so.

Couple in TV battle

A husband and wife took part in the *Mastermind* television quiz on BBC-1 last night and found themselves in a dead heat.

It was the first time a married couple had met in the same heat and a tie-breaker was needed to decide the winner.

Police Inspector Paul Hancock, from Ashbourne, in Derbyshire, finally claimed victory over his wife, Christine, a teacher, and now goes on to the *Mastermind* semi-finals. He said: "We chose to compete in the same heat, even though it meant we couldn't both win, but it was lots of fun".

Mrs Hancock said she knew her pupils were watching at home. "And I knew I'd face some teasing if I got too many of the answers wrong".

Talks on Waite



Mr Walid Jumblatt, leader of the Lebanese Druze militia, will have talks in London today with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

The talks are expected to centre on the fate of Mr Terry Waite, the archbishop's special envoy, who disappeared in Beirut on January 20, having asked for Druze protection.

Mr Jumblatt, right, has been striving for his release, even offering himself as a substitute hostage.

NUM still counting

Counting in the election for vice president of the National Union of Mineworkers continued yesterday amid speculation that no candidate had managed to get more than 50 per cent of the vote.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, campaigned for Mr Sammy Thompson, Yorkshire general secretary, who is opposing Mr Eric Clarke, of the Scottish miners.

New murder charge

A second man has been charged with the murder of a security guard during a robbery in Sunderland last Monday.

Neil Donnelly, aged 20, of no fixed address, is to appear at Sunderland Magistrates' Court tomorrow.Louis Longstaff, aged 27, of Aberdare Road, Sunderland, also charged with the murder, was yesterday remanded in custody.

Stephen Schofield, aged 22, and Danny Chisholm, aged 24, have been charged with destroying evidence with intent to impede Mr Donnelly's arrest.

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Trading fund idea for property agency

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Government's £2.8 billion-a-year Property Services Agency should become a trading fund with commercial accounts and should be opened up to competition from the private sector.

That is expected to be the central recommendation of a report next month from the Commons committee on the environment, which believes the agency has failed in its task of managing and maintaining the Government's property portfolio and supervising new building projects.

The report is believed to be highly critical of the agency's past performance, and will call for a radical restructuring.

The agency should be given enhanced powers to manage more positively the bulk of the civil estate, but government departments should become increasingly responsible for the repair and maintenance of their own buildings, should increasingly take complete control of the construction and upkeep of specialized buildings such as courts and prisons, and in the long term should be free to dispense with the agency's services altogether if they are not competitive.

The Ministry of Defence should not be obliged to use the agency as an agent managing its considerable property if there are alternatives.

The committee, which has frequently criticized the performance in past reviews of its expenditure, began an in-depth inquiry last year and has identified a number of shortcomings.

It was appalled by the inability of the agency to secure sufficient government funds to maintain the civil and defence estates. The backlog of repairs on those are £100 million and £125 million respectively.

The short-term accounting system imposed on the agency means that it has tended to lease property rather than buy it, and has failed to buy property on advantageous terms when it has become available.

Cost overruns and delays in construction have been alarming. The committee has been given about 40 examples of wildly wrong estimates for new buildings, most involving millions of pounds.

That is partly blamed on government departments changing their specifications late in the day and the committee believes that in future they should pay the extra costs themselves.

The committee has received evidence from contractors criticizing the cumbersome bureaucracy, slowness and lack of responsiveness of the agency when supervising main construction projects

Bill provides better rights for private flat tenants

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

New rights and protection for tenants of privately-rented flats will be discussed by the Commons today.

A Bill is being introduced as a forerunner to planned government legislation after the next election to liberalize the rented sector.

The Landlord and Tenant (No 2) Bill, which implements key recommendations of the Nugee Report, will particularly benefit people living in mansion blocks, many of which are in marginal Conservative constituencies in London and south coast towns.

The Bill is clearly seen by ministers as a potential vote winner in the run-up to the general election.

Half a million people in England alone, two-thirds of them being long leaseholders, are expected to benefit

Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, is expected to emphasize during the Bills's second reading this afternoon that the legislation is not only aimed at the few bad and irresponsible landlords but is also a clear token of the Government's intention to protect consumers' rights before changing rent laws.

The Bill will:

- Prevent landlords imposing excessively high service charges on tenants;
- Give tenants the right of first refusal to buy if a landlord decides to sell a block of flats;
- Give tenants the right to be consulted about the appointment of a managing agent
- Allow tenants to legally challenge landlords who are bad managers and to seek the appointment of a manager.

Looking to the future, Mr Patton is expected to try to persuade people to stop referring to private rented accommodation and instead talk in terms of the "independent" rented sector.

The change in emphasis reflects Mr Patton's hope to interest more pension funds and building societies in working jointly with housing associations to provide more rented homes along Western European lines.

Britain comes bottom of the league in rented accommodation outside the public sector when compared with European counterparts.



Mr George Gilson, a former pilot, and his wife, Irene, will see the first flight of their new airline, Chieftain Airways, take off from Glasgow today for Brussels. Mr and Mrs Gilson are photographed at *Glasgow airport with one of* their two British Aerospace HS 748s which will link Glasgow and Edinburgh to Brussels, Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Geneva, Frankfurt, Hamburg, and Milan. The couple met when Mr Gilson was a pilot and Mrs *Gilson was an air stewardess.* Starting Chieftain Airways, which employs 90 staff, fulfils a long-standing ambition. Another independent Scottish airline, Loganair, launches a new service today from Manchester to Belfast Harbour airport – closer to the city *than the larger Belfast International airport.*

Ireland faces a tough budget

By Richard Ford

Mr Charles Haughey's minority government in Ireland will tomorrow introduce a budget even tougher than the proposals that led to the collapse of his predecessor's administration.

Spending on social welfare, education, health and the environment will be cut as the government attempts to halt the rise in borrowing which has crippled the economy.

The measures that Mr Ray MacSharry, the Minister for Finance, will outline in the Dail are expected to be more stringent than those proposed by the Fine Gael administration, which included public spending cuts of Ir£210 million and the introduction of health service charges and cuts in welfare benefits.

Officials have convinced the Fianna Fail government that tough action is needed. Without it the current budget deficit will be 8 per cent of GNP with a borrowing requirement of 12 per cent. Mr MacSharry has said there will have to be reductions in the 187,000 people employed by the state and the government has successfully demanded that outstanding debts owed by bodies as disparate as the electricity service and bacon exporters be paid immediately.

It has also postponed indefinitely a 15 per cent rise in salaries for public servants and Dail deputies. A task force is being set up to collect between Ir£500 million to Ir£600 million tax debts.

With a national debt of Ir£24 billion, record unemployment and large interest repayments on its borrowings, the government has little room for manoeuvre.

Plea to US for science funding

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

One of Britain's leading chemistry and molecular sciences groups is hoping to win US support to save its research.

The work has been rated by advisers to the Science and Engineering Research Council(Serc) and the Ministry of Defence as first class, because of its implications for the development of microelectronic and semi-conductor devices.

However, requests for support to the council were rejected last year because of government cuts in research and again this year, after a freeze on funds until September.

Dr Roger Taylor, of Sussex University, is seeking only £25,000 for his studies in physical organic chemistry. If there was no reprieve in the UK, he planned to apply to the US Chemical Society for help. It was a desperate measure because his group would be up against severe competition.

Dr Taylor said yesterday that there was general dismay about the future if first-rate projects continued to be rejected.

The freeze on new research grants by Serc and the Medical Research Council has now been followed by the Natural Environment Research Council. Between them, they account for more than £500 million of research funds.

There are hints that Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, will announce this week an additional £15 million to tide the research councils over.

Hanging advocate angered

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

The architect of Wednesday's Commons vote on the restoration of capital punishment expressed his frustration last night at the refusal of Labour and Alliance MPs to support the public's wish for reintroduction of the death penalty.

About 200 Conservative MPs are expected to support a move by Sir Ian Percival, former Solicitor General, to add a carefully constructed clause to the Criminal Justice Bill to permit capital punishment for certain murders.

But with Labour MPs unofficially whipped to vote against the move and with only one Alliance MP expected to vote in support, the clause's backers accept privately it is bound to be defeated.

Sir Ian, MP for Southport, said: "I am getting fed up to the back teeth with people saying it is Parliament that is standing in the way of the will of the people. I anticipate on our side there will be a 2-1 vote in favour which just about reflects the view of the country. But I expect the whole of the Labour party, the SDP and the Liberals, except Cyril Smith, will vote against, and so be totally out of step with the country."

The clause proposes that "a person convicted by the unanimous verdict of a jury of the premeditated killing of another person or of knowingly and intentionally killing another person in a manner, or for a reason, or in circumstances which a reasonable person would consider to be evil, shall suffer death in the manner authorized by law".

Health Education Authority

Man of action at the top

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The Chief Executive of the Government's new Health Education Authority, Dr Spencer Hagard, is likely to demand the freedom to pursue his own target in health promotion.

Dr Hagard, described yesterday by former colleagues as "forceful and demanding", moves from his present job as district medical officer for Cambridgeshire Health Authority to take up his new appointment on Wednesday.

The Health Education Authority has been set up by the Government to replace the Health Education Council, which is abolished tomorrow.

The council's director general, Dr David Player, applied for the new job and was never likely to get it because of his self-confessed "running battle" with the Government.

Dr Hagard, who is in his early forties and a specialist in community medicine, is much younger and less controversial than Dr Player but equally committed to similar goals in health education, friends said yesterday.

"He doesn't believe in just health education but more in health promotion", one colleague said. "It is one thing to tell people what is good for them. It's another to make them do something about it."

Dr Hagard has pushed through radical changes in Cambridgeshire in the past three years. He has instigated no smoking policies in hospitals for both patients and staff and also brought in healthier hospital diets.

But it is his forward planning on Aids that may have won him the job. The new authority will have the task of furthering the government campaign on the disease.

Dr Hagard has made Cambridgeshire one of the leading districts in preparing to deal with the expected surge of Aids cases in the coming years.

Dr Roger Buttery, a Cambridge specialist in community medicine, said: "He is trying to help to remove the mystique about Aids from the minds of both the public and the health professional".

The home care policies are very similar to those advocated by Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services.

Dr Hagard, who is married with three children, effectively replaces Dr Player, aged 59, who will be out of a job from tomorrow. Dr Player's four and a half years with the Health Education Council ended in controversy.

Last week he pushed through the publication of a report, *The Health Divide*, which strongly attacked the Government for allowing the gap in the health of rich and poor in Britain to widen in the past seven years.

Clash as church unity takes a step forward

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A national body to replace the British Council of Churches but with full Roman Catholic participation came an important step nearer yesterday after a successful inter-church conference at *Nottingham* University.

The organizers were nervous beforehand that historic conflicts between the churches could defeat even this modest objective, and one leading churchman remarked afterwards: "It could so easily have blown up in our faces."

At the end of the three-day conference yesterday, however, there was unanimous consent from the 400 delegates representing about 30 churches for the proposition that: "We have come to the firm conclusion that there is sufficient unity of faith and respect for one another's traditions and experiences to put beyond doubt our willingness and capacity to carry forward this dialogue, despite our diversity of views and differences of discipline."

It added: "We have discovered a much deeper sense of shared faith". These conclusions were based on the fruits of meetings in small groups on Friday and Saturday, before yesterday's plenary sessions.

In spite of all that goodwill there was a significant clash yesterday between the Roman Catholic representatives and some others, mainly Anglican, who protested forcefully at not being allowed to receive Holy Communion at the Catholic Mass on Saturday evening.

Canon Ivor Smith Cameron, an Anglican, was applauded when he told the conference yesterday: "I think I speak for an overwhelming number of people in non-Roman Catholic traditions. There is a deep sense of hurt."

The irritation felt by some conference delegates at the Saturday Mass was aggravated by the fact that an arrangement worked out in advance whereby, non-Catholics could come forward to the altar for a blessing, did not work.

DPP is to rule on Proctor

By Martin Fletcher,
Political Reporter

Sir Thomas Hetherington, the Director of Public Prosecutions, will decide shortly whether to bring charges against Mr Harvey Proctor, the Conservative MP, over alleged spanking sessions with young male prostitutes.

An interim police report has been sent to Sir Thomas and further material is expected.

On Saturday, Mr Proctor survived by 220 votes to 62 a confidence vote in his Billericay association bought by members who believed the allegations had undermined his credibility. However supporters admit they would have to reconsider if Mr Proctor was successfully prosecuted.

● Mr John Browne, Conservative MP for Winchester, was not available to comment on reports yesterday that a judge had described him as "neglectful" in disclosing details of his income.

Truce in INLA due to priests

By Richard Ford

Four Roman Catholic priests were deeply involved in the discussions leading to the truce between rival factions within the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army.

The priests were successful because the nationalist community has become sickened by the bloodletting since the divisions erupted last December, leading to 12 deaths.

Mounting nationalist despair, the opposition of the Provisional IRA and the damage it claimed the feud was doing to the republican image also helped.

The priests have been attempting to negotiate an end to hostilities since early January and took advantage of the shock caused by the killing of *Gerard Steenson, a leading* member of INLA.

Father Gerry Reynolds and Father Alex Reid, who are part of a Redemptorist congregation based at Clonard Monastery off the Falls Road in Belfast, were closely involved in the final efforts which resulted in the truce announced three days ago.

Another member of the congregation had also been involved, as had a priest from West Belfast. Father Reynolds said yesterday: "It is settled. For my contact with both sides I do not believe it is temporary. It is over."

A crucial part of the settlement is that the army council faction, which wanted INLA disbanded, and the GHQ faction which wished it to remain operational, have recognized the right of any group to organize politically.

Poet Laureate sues for libel

Ted Hughes, the Poet Laureate since 1984, has started a libel action claiming "exemplary" damages over a three-page report in the *Mail on Sunday*, headlined "Secret Life of a Poet Laureate", and for alleged copy right infringement.

Doubts on history of Getty sculpture

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Contradictory statements about the former ownership of a £4.32 million sculpture purchased by the Getty Museum in 1984 suggest that a "history" for the piece may have been fabricated to facilitate its sale.

When the museum announced the acquisition of a marble statue of a youth, or kouros, dated as sixth century BC, last year – it only went on show in November – it was described as coming from a private collection

Dr Jean Lauffenburger, of Geneva, is believed to have told the museum that the sculpture came from his collection. He was very ill at the time and died in 1985. The kouros was said to have been given to his father, a radiologist, in the 1930s by Michel Roussos, a Greek dealer in antiquities who lived in Paris, in gratitude for a cure.

The sculpture was brought to the attention of the trustees by Dr Jiri Frel, then the Getty's curator of antiquities, who was later relieved of his duties for running a donations fraud.

Dr Lauffenberger was a known collector of antiquities, particularly Greek vases. His brother, Pierre André Lauffenberger, a Protestant pastor in Nyon, Switzerland, says that he has no knowledge of the family possessing a kouros. He knew and admired his brother's collection.

Dr Lauffenburger's widow and two daughters refer inquiries to his executor, Mr Jean Pierre Cotier. Mr Cotier declines to comment, but says that something very sensitive happened at a certain period of the doctor's life which could have major reverberations if it became public. He adds: "What he did during his lifetime was his own affair".

Professor José Dörig, of Geneva, who was commissioned by Lauffenburger to catalogue his collection, says that he did not see the kouros there.

The introduction of Roussos into the story could be a clever twist. In the 1920s and 1930s he handled the sale of a group of archaic marbles illegally excavated at Anavysos in Greece and smuggled out of the country. In 1936 he offered a kouros, very similar to the Getty's, to the Louvre. The museum appointed a committee of experts to study it and they came to the conclusion that it was a fake.

This apparently decided Roussos that the statue, though genuine, was virtually unsaleable. He had at the time been convicted of various smuggling offences in Greece and sentenced, in his absence.

He bartered the return of the the kouros to Greece for having the charges against him dropped.

A second kouros was acquired by the Metropolitan Museum in New York in 1931 and is also reputed to have come from Anavysos via Roussos. It has also been dubbed a fake in its day, apparently without justification.

In 1982, one year before he "found" his own kouros, Dr Frel wrote an article for the Getty Museum's *Journal* discussing the Metropolitan and Athens kouroi. He was at pains to demonstrate that the challenge to their authenticity was unfounded. In retrospect, it looks as if he was setting the scene.

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Schoolchildren will be on continental day soon, say heads

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Most British schoolchildren in the 1990s will be starting lessons at or soon after 8am and finishing between 2pm and 3pm, the main head-teachers' union predicts.

The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) has been deluged with queries from members who want to introduce a "continental" or, as the union prefers to call it, restructured school day since teachers' refusal to supervise school lunches as part of their pay dispute.

Although local authorities are obliged to pay auxilliary staff to supervise lunches, heads are seeking ways to cut costs by shortening the lunch hour and by introducing an early start and early finish to lessons.

The association yesterday published advice to heads interested in presenting plans to local authorities. The union has studied some schools' experiences and concludes that the restructured day not only makes economic sense but also improves discipline and morale.

It found that working parents' fears were "largely unfounded as it is easier to arrange for children to be cared for after school than at the beginning of the day".

Mr David Hart, general secretary, said: "We are convinced that the benefits which would flow from a change are such that they could enhance the quality of education for pupils, teachers and heads."

Mrs Sue Nicholson, assistant secretary, said that the extension of budgetary control to headteachers, under the Education Act 1986, would encourage many heads to save winter heating and supervision bills with a re-structured day. Within 10 years, she said, most schools in Britain would be following the practice of their French and German neighbours.

The only stumbling block, she said, would be the attitude of local authorities who prefer schools to be open throughout the day as a community facility.

However, the continental day at Chard Holyrood school, in Somerset, results in a late-afternoon third session when pupils are involved in sports, clubs or homework.

At another, Tideway School in East Sussex, an 8.10am to 2.15pm timetable has been running for six years with resounding success.

Avon County Council is consulting parents and governors and may decide to put all its 374 primary and 61 secondary schools on to a restructured day.

The NAHT's Avon secretary, Mrs Sheila Laver, a primary school head, said yesterday: "I feel that it means we can get children's concentration on lessons when it is at its best – in the morning".



A hunt of a noisier variety than usual was held in the Buckinghamshire countryside yesterday when the third Chackmore Charity Chase was staged to raise funds for handicapped children. A motorized Penny Smith was among more than 100 "riders" who chased men dressed as foxes along a four-mile obstacle course at Chackmore. (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Portfolio Gold

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Mr David Manton, was the sole winner of the weekly Portfolio Gold dividend of £8,000.

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U-turn on higher education

By Our Education Reporter

A White Paper on higher education is expected this week to reverse one of the Government's early policies by promising higher education for a larger proportion of 18-year-olds in the next decade.

It will also propose a central body to fund polytechnics, removing them from local authority control. Local authorities yesterday angrily reacted to news of the move and called for more funding for colleges instead of structural reorganization.

Ministers are conceding some ground to academics and employers in admitting that previous estimates of student numbers in the 1990s made by Sir Keith Joseph are too low for economic survival.

The Society of Employers of Graduates, in its response to the Government's Green Paper, said that there would be 9,000 too few graduates to support industry by the end of the century unless the Government committed itself to keeping student places open.

Mr Baker, Secretary of State for Education, and Mr George Walden, Under Secretary of State, have both emphasized their intention to increase from 14 per cent to 18.5 per cent the proportion of 18-year-olds in higher education.

● Parents from the 155 remaining grammar schools have formed a campaign group to fight for survival.

The main target of the new National Grammar Schools Association is the Labour Party's threat to phase out all selective education.

But it emerged at the association's launch meeting in Birmingham on Saturday, that parents are angry at the Government's record in allowing grammar schools to close.

Airlines reject Aids testing for passengers

Airlines have rejected proposals to screen existing cabin staff and passengers arriving from high risk countries for Aids (Our Air Correspondent writes).

Officials from the World Health Organization met medical officers from leading airlines to discuss action against the disease.

Although told that at least 100 airline crew members have died from Aids in the past few years, the airlines rejected suggestions of increased screening of staff or checks on passengers arriving from high risk countries.

Seven British Airways staff have died of the disease and the company now insists on checks for all new pilots.

Managers' pay increases lag behind

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Managers' salary increases during the past 12 months fell behind those of other workers, according to a report published today.

The latest *Salary and Cost of Living Report*, by Reward Regional Surveys, also suggests payment of end-of-year bonuses to managers is declining.

Managers' pay rose by a total of 6.3 per cent in the 12 months to February, while average earnings for all workers probably rose by 7.5 per cent.

Managers' average basic salary remains fairly low. The report says last month the average was £12,100, the first time it has broken the £12,000 barrier. But, that spans a range from just over £5,000 to well over £30,000.

The report predicts a slowing in management pay increases to 5.5 per cent in the 12 months to February 1988.

London-based managers are best paid, averaging salaries of £14,171, followed by Scotland (£12,611) and the South-east (£12,480). In the rest of Britain the average varies between £11,000 and £12,000.

In their half-yearly report Reward analy-ed data from more than 20,000 managers.

In London and the South-east executives, although more highly paid, are generally under-compensated for the rise in the cost of living, including housing.

About a quarter of firms still pay annual bonuses, worth an average of nearly 7 per cent of salary, but more are switching to profit sharing and merit awards.

The report supports the Government's view that regional differentials in salary should be encouraged, but the biggest culprits in not establishing them are government bodies, it says.

Salary and Cost of Living Report, March 1987 (Reward Regional Surveys Limited, 1, Mill Street, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8BA; £90).

MANAGERS' SALARIES

Region	Percentage compared to national average	
	Salary	Cost of Living*
London	+17.1	+33.2
Scotland	+4.2	-1.3
South East	+3.1	+9.3
North East	-4.0	-12.7
South West	-5.0	-2.6
Eastern Counties	-5.8	-7.0
North West	-8.0	-8.6
West Midlands	-8.5	-9.6

*Including housing, tax and NI

Changes over one year to Feb 1987

Airwaves sale 'aid to local TV'

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The Government is to receive a report this week advocating the limited privatization of the radio airwaves used for broadcasting and telecommunications.

The report says that the move could make more channels available for radio and television stations.

The report has been prepared by the Department of Trade and Industry by CSP International, a telecommunications consultancy headed by an American-trained economist, Mr Charles Jonscher.

It advocates the establishment of private spectrum management organizations which would be sold large blocks of frequencies by the Government. They would, in turn, sell the frequencies to those intending to make direct use of them.

Mr Jonscher asserts that the current system of allocating frequencies has led to inefficient use of the airwaves, providing benefits to a limited number of users, at the expense of the wider public.

One of the main inferences of the report is that the Government could create additional local television channels, using frequencies abandoned by the BBC and independent companies when they shifted their transmissions from 425-line VHF to 625-line UHF channels.

● The Government will receive another report this week, also the work of CSP International, finding that subscription television is a technically viable alternative to the licence fee as a method of financing the BBC.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, is expected to welcome the report, but ministers and the BBC seem doubtful that the report will prove to be more than an academic exercise, and expect it will be buried.

Act 'helps suspect to outwit police'

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Taking notes during interrogations is making it more difficult for police to break down a suspect's story, according to research into the workings of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.

The Act suggests that notes of interviews should be made contemporaneously, but an article in the spring edition of *Policing*, an academic journal covering such issues, says the practice is making it easier for criminals to dictate the pace of interviews.

One senior CID officer is quoted as saying: "The Act was designed to ensure more criminals get away with it and as far as I can see it's working". There was no statistical evidence to support the detective, but others echoed his view.

Another said: "The flow is gone. You can't test what people say because all the time they're one step ahead of you. With the determined criminal, the one who has really got something to hide, you will never get near him."

The new legislation says that police must keep contemporaneous notes unless officers consider it is not practicable or would interfere with the conduct of the interview. The researchers however found that police have ignored the discretion allowed by the Act and decided, almost perversely, to abide strictly by it recommendations.

It is now often the police questioner, waiting for the notes to be taken down, who begins to show the signs of stress for which officers are trained to watch.

The suspects have plenty of time to weigh their answers and can stop the process by demanding to have a note read back to them. The questioner is often watching his colleague completing the note taking instead of the suspect.

The research was carried out last summer in the Brighton division of the Sussex force by Mr Ian McKenzie, a former policeman who is now a lecturer in psychology, and Mr Barrie Irving, director of the Police Foundation.

Mr Irving said: "There is a great feeling there has been a sea change and the judges will not look kindly on anything but full contemporaneous notes and the police are sticking to the rules".

BMA calls for longer social work training

By Thomson Prentice

The British Medical Association has urged the Government to extend the training of social workers, but is worried that the plan will be rejected because of its cost.

The BMA yesterday described the plan to extend training from two to three years as essential.

The Government is considering the proposal, put forward by the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work.

Dr John Havard, secretary of the BMA, has written to ministers supporting the proposal. Their responses, the association said, "give cause for concern".

"We believe it is important that they are able to deal with the many complex issues, such as mental health, child protection and delinquency, that arise and in which the paths of doctors and social workers converge."

Mrs Edwina Currie, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health, has told the association that its support for the proposal will be taken "fully into account".

Skills training

Confidence lifts the failures

By Roland Rudd

"The only thing I ever looked forward to was where the next packet of cigarettes was coming from". Miss Michelle Bennett, for three years an unemployment statistic, said yesterday.

Today Miss Bennett, aged 19, who left school without qualifications, will turn up for the full-time job as a clerical assistant at Chingford Youth Club, in north-east London.

She is one of the beneficiaries of a remarkable job-finding operation launched through small advertisements in shop windows and ethnic newspapers and aimed at finding unemployed coloured "failures".

Fourteen girls were chosen. Today all have jobs and at the weekend they got together to celebrate.

Most had been on the verge of giving up their search for work. Tired, depressed and lacking in confidence after being rejected at so many job interviews, they were beginning to think they were unemployable.

The scheme to tackle "hopeless" cases with a skills training course was the idea of Miss Vicky Wisher, equal opportunities officer at British Petroleum and was run with help from Project Full Employ, a government-funded charity.

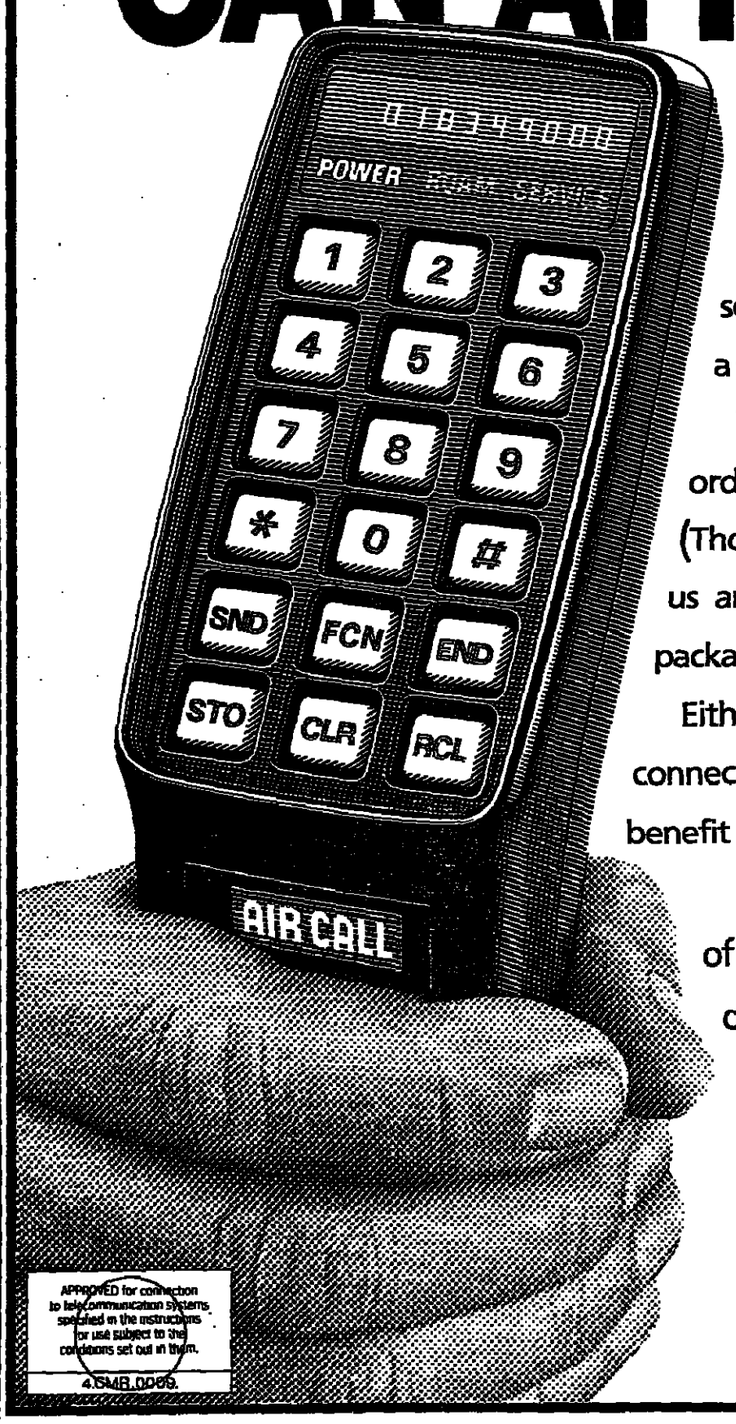
The course gave them the skills and qualifications they lacked. But perhaps more important it promoted confidence in themselves.

"The skills I learnt were invaluable", Miss Bennett said. "But I never thought I could really get a job until Carol, our tutor, persuaded me I was up to it. She instilled confidence in all of us."

Miss Noreen Adams, aged 22, remembers feeling two inches tall after leaving her first job interview. She was hoping to become a receptionist, and although her potential employer said the post was vacant, he suggested that Miss Adams might be more suitable as a cleaner.

Miss Ann Lawrence, aged 23, appeared to speak for all the girls: "My message to the unemployed is for God's sake never give up."

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Judge gives warning on state control of lawyers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A senior judge has attacked the government White Paper on legal aid as a sign of "dangerous", growing state control of the legal profession.

Sir Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson, head of the High Court Chancery division, told a British Legal Association conference at the weekend: "We are moving to a position where matters which are fundamental to the legal profession, and through it to the public at large, are being regulated by the State through the medium of legal aid".

Changes are being forced on the profession as part of the Treasury's legitimate concern to cut costs. But they impinge "not only on the legally aided part of the system, they affect the profession as a whole", he said.

He gave a warning that the proposals could accelerate the split between the wealthy end of the profession and the rest; leading to two standards of service depending on whether people could pay.

He expressed particular concern about two White Paper proposals: first, that advice agencies should take over the job from solicitors of giving advice on welfare benefits and housing.It meant there would be legislation "which for the first time will permit someone, not a member of the legal profession, with the assistance of the State, to provide legal services; a legal adviser not subject to the discipline of any legal profession".

Second, the White Paper rejected extending rights of audience to solicitors. "The fact that the decision is being considered and taken apparently by the Government in the context of legal aid ... seems to me a very dangerous step."

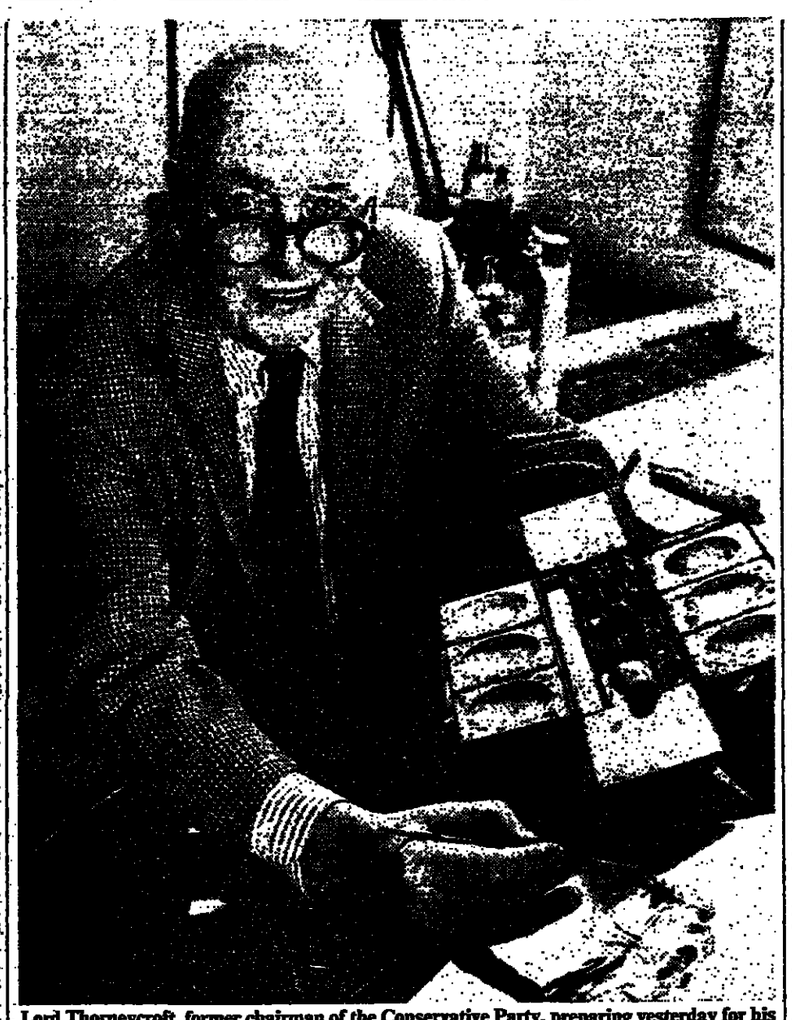
Sir Nicholas said he was not suggesting the increasing State control was deliberate. But it was resulting from the State's legitimate concern to fund legal services.

● A three-point Labour Party plan for legal services, including a new National Legal Advice and Services Commission was outlined by Mr John Morris QC, MP, shadow Attorney General, at the conference.

The plan would include a new commission to run all publicly-funded legal services.

Mr Morris said the legal aid scheme was "in a sorry state". Labour intended to create a national infrastructure of legal services to provide free, advice. The party would also bring in a new system of family courts.

● Solicitors are under "unprecedented attack", Mr Louis Diamond, chairman of the British Legal Association, told the conference. The association must challenge the changes threatening to "undermine its stature and erode the quality and availability of justice", he said



Lord Thorneycroft, former chairman of the Conservative Party, preparing yesterday for his fifth solo exhibition of watercolours which opens at the Cadogan Gallery in London on May 12. Now aged 77, Lord Thorneycroft has been painting since he was in Churchill's Cabinet in the 1950s and sells many of his works (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

North-east regeneration: 1

Sunrise industries give sons of miners an opportunity

The jobs have been shed, the costs trimmed and the rationalization achieved, but how are communities in the North-east such as the miners adapting to the new reality and how are they being helped by the industry that once employed them? In the first of two articles, ***Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent,*** *discovers how British Coal Enterprise works and what the organization has achieved.*

The brutal fact is that nothing more could be done for the old miners, the ones aged 55 or more, who have spent a lifetime down the pit.

They may be tough, characterful and immensely loyal but those are not the essential qualities for mastering new technology or getting a job in one of the "sunrise" industries.

It is the quandary of old dogs and new tricks, I was told. Far better to take British Coal's sack of gold and quietly retire and let the enterprise people worry about the next generation, the children of those who worked in the mining industry who would traditionally have stepped into their shoes; except there are now no shoes to step into.

The shake-out in the north-east coalfield has taken 6,000 mining jobs out of the region since the pit strike. The number of collieries has been almost halved and the knock-on effect among companies that serviced and supplied the pits has been severe.

Added to the collapse of steel and the virtual extinction of shipbuilding in the region, what has happened to the coal mines has become act 3 in the great north-eastern catastrophe.

Mr Bill Furness, regional manager of British Coal Enterprise (BCE), said: "After 40 years down a pit the spirit of enterprise or the skills of an entrepreneur do not spring readily to a man's fingertips and no one can expect that. Which is why we aim at the whole community, not just ex-miners, because it is the whole community that is in trouble when a colliery closes."

There are 11 enterprise agencies in the North-east, all of them beavering away on behalf of particular towns, valleys or districts. Like BCE, their objective is to persuade companies that would not normally consider setting up a factory in a coalfield to do so.

BCE offers soft, unsecured loans to approved projects and is about to pass the £4 million mark in aid distributed to more than 170 new or expanded businesses. That effort has generated 2,300 jobs, two thirds of them in manufacturing.

A few are hanging on by the skin of their teeth, only four have totally failed. Most are developing steadily on the neatly uniform industrial estates, some built on the sites of long-vanished collieries.

They have become the spawning ground for the north-east's industrial future. Only 16 of every 100 new jobs have gone to former miners and in the man's land of the Geordie, fewer than a dozen of the new businesses have been set up by women.

Coalmining is far from dead. The industry still employs nearly 18,000 in the north-east region and produces more than nine million tons a year.

"Many younger men moved to other pits, others decided to take redundancy to pay off the debts that had gathered during the strike and to take their chance with the new industries", Mr Furness said.

Some of the long-serving *miners left with substantial* pay-offs, between £30,000 and £40,000 in some cases.

There are pockets of unemployment in the North-east where one out of every two men is out of work and where frustration and anger at life on unemployment benefit challenges even the Geordies' staunch spirit.

It is in that tender area that the job-creating agencies have to sprint to stand still, and as the closures multiply it seems that responsibility for action has been shared by the folk of the North-east who are "having a go".

Tomorrow: New entrepreneurs

Rear seat belt law likely

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, forecasts legislation within three years to make the wearing of rear seat belts in cars mandatory, although a further two years will be needed for it to become law.

However, he said yesterday he strongly believes that the law should be used only to back broad public acceptance of the need for rear seat belts.

The basis for such a policy, Mr Bottomley emphasized, was that Britain was among the last countries to make wearing front seats belts mandatory, yet more than 95 per cent of drivers comply, one of the highest levels in the world.

From Wednesay, every new car sold must be fitted with rear seat belts. The wearing of them is already mandatory in Australia, New Zealand, Sweden and Canada.

The latest government figures show that in Britain the number of children wearing seat belts increased slowly to 37 per cent by July 1986, although less than 10 per cent of adults occupying the rear seats wear belts.

Concern on B & B policy

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

National Housing Week, the focus of housing concern in this International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, is launched today with a public opinion poll which shows overwhelming support for public spending on building homes for homeless people rather than on keeping them in bed and breakfast accommodation.

The Gallup poll of more than 1,000 people this month shows that nine out of 10 favoured public spending on building, compared with 3 per cent for bed and breakfast and 7 per cent "don't knows".

The poll figures are published as the campaign "Homes cost less than Homelessness" is launched with a letter from Lord Scarman, president of the IYSH Trust.

In his letter to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, Lord Scarman argues that there are ways open to the Government to assist local authorities to end the continuing scandal of bed and breakfast.

He suggests that any underspending on council housing budgets this year should be carried over.

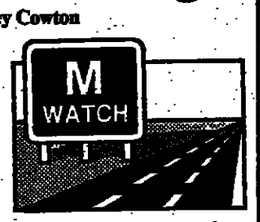
Speed limit imposed on the Severn bridge

By Rodney Cowton

The Severn suspension bridge will be subject to a speed limit of 40mph as narrow lanes are introduced in preparation for strengthening work.

The purpose is to create traffic-free space for workmen to replace the bridge hangers.

Major roadworks until next Monday:



London and the South-east

M11 London: Reconstruction work at Redbridge roundabout.
M2 Kent: Junction 4 (Gillingham). Resurfacing, nearside *southbound* lane closed.
M2 Kent: Lane closures between junction 5 (Sittingbourne) and junction 7 (Brenley Corner).
M1 Hertfordshire/Bedfordshire: Junctions 9 and 10 (Harpenden/Luton airport). Off-peak lane closures.
M275 Hampshire: Flyover construction between junction with M27 and Rudmore roundabout, Portsmouth.
M27 Hampshire: Lane closures between junctions 3 and 4 (Southampton/A33 Winchester).
M40 Oxfordshire: Lane closures at junction 6 (Watlington).

Midlands

M5 Hereford and Worcester: One lane open southbound and two northbound between junctions 5 and 6 (Droitwich/Worcester north).
M5 West Midlands: Lane restrictions and carriageway closures between junctions 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove/M50 South Wales).
M6 Warwickshire: Lane closures between junctions 2 and 3 (M69/A444 at Coventry)
A38(M) West Midlands: Aston expressway, lane restrictions.

North

M63 Barton Bridge, Greater Manchester: Lane closures at the Eccles interchange.
M63 at Portwood roundabout, Stockport: Two lanes open.
M66 Greater Manchester: Contraflow between junctions 2 and 4 (Bury/M62).
A1(M) Tyne and Wear: Lane closures and diversions.
A66(M) County Durham: Contraflow at Darlington
M6 Lancashire: Resurfacing between junctions 31 and 32 (A59/M55).
M6 Cumbria: Contraflow between junctions 41 and 42 (Wigton/Carlisle)
M56 Cheshire: Resurfacing at junction 9 (Lymm interchange).

Wales and the West

M5 Gloucestershire: Resurfacing southbound between junctions 11 and 12 (Cheltenham/A38 Gloucester)
M5 Avon/Somerset/Devon: Lane closures between junctions 21 (Bristol South) and 29 (Honiton).

Scotland

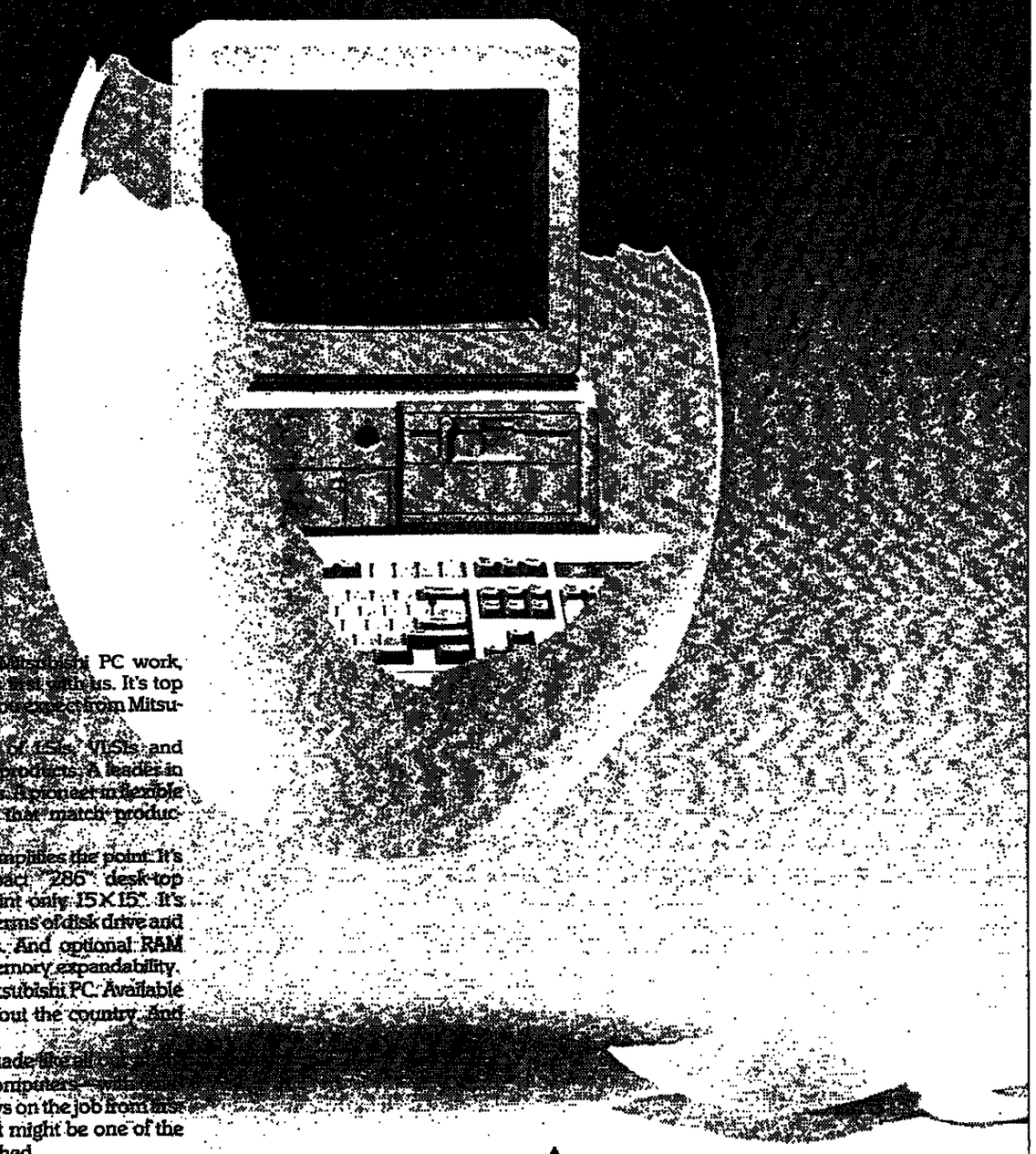
M8 Glasgow: Lane closure eastbound between junctions 15 and 17 (Townhead/A82 Dumbarton).
M80 Falkirk: Lane closures.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Insanity plea in horror house case

Philadelphia (AP) – A man charged with murder after police found shackled women and body parts in his house will probably enter a plea of insanity, a prosecutor said. Gary Heidnik has been charged with electrocuting Deborah Dudley and dumping her body in a New Jersey park and is expected to be charged in connection with the killing of another woman.

Last Wednesday a woman who said she escaped from Heidnik led police to his house. In the basement two half-naked women were chained to a pipe, sleeping on a mattress, while a third was held in a pit, said detectives.

Limbs and body parts found in a freezer were believed to belong to Sandra Lindsay, a mentally retarded woman believed by police to have died in Heidnik's basement. Cyril Brown, a mentally impaired man who sometimes lived with Heidnik in the house and who police say went out with Ms Lindsay, has been charged with murder and Heidnik is also expected to be charged with Ms Lindsay's murder.

Election trial

Moscow (AFP) – Experimental elections involving competing candidates will be held in a region of each Soviet republic, the official press said yesterday. The elections to local councils in each of the 15 republics will be held June 21.

***Pravda* said the decision to hold the experimental elections was made by the presidiums of the Supreme Soviets of the Republics of the Soviet Union.**

Fear over spy affair

Jerusalem – Israeli defence sources say they suspect a harassment campaign by some parts of the US Government in the wake of Jonathan Pollard's conviction as an Israeli spy (Ian Murray writes).

Mr Mosbe Shahal, the Energy Minister, said as much yesterday in reaction to a report in *The Sunday Times* that Israel passed on US intelligence to South Africa.

US Gulf offer rejected

Washington – Kuwait has rejected a US offer of military escorts for its tankers in the Gulf (Christopher Thomas writes).

Kuwaiti officials said they were "highly appreciative" of the offer, but did not want to escalate the military presence of either the US or the Soviet Union.

The State Department said it had not received formal word of the decision. A senior official said the threat to Kuwaiti ships appeared to be considerably less than when the Kuwaitis first asked the US and the Soviet Union for help.

A Kuwaiti official said Kuwait had not approached the US but that Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, made the offer, an account disputed by a State Department official.

Ariane setback

Paris – A resumption of the Ariane European space programme, scheduled for June, suffered a further setback after an accident during testing of the third stage motor last week at Vernon, where it is being built (Susan MacDonald writes). Launchings halted last May after the mid-air destruction of the rocket when it veered off course.

19 killed in clash

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Nineteen tribesmen were killed yesterday in a faction fight between two Zulu clans, according to South African police.

The two factions fought each other with firearms in the Tugela Ferry area of Natal province early in the morning, but police moved into the area which was later reported calm.

Maria von Trapp dies



Stowe, Vermont (AP) – Baroness Maria von Trapp (right), whose escape from the Nazis with her husband and children inspired the film, *The Sound of Music*, died on Saturday, aged 82. She had been in hospital since Wednesday, suffering from heart and diabetic problems.

Julie Andrews, who played her in the film, said she was a remarkable woman, inspirational and loving.

The baroness was 33 when she fled her native Austria in 1938. The story of her flight with her family was dramatized in a book, play and the Academy Award-winning film. The Trapp Family Singers toured Europe and the United States for several years before settling in Vermont.

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Midnight sun tourism

Oslo – The rugged, remote and austerely beautiful North Cape, at the tip of the Norwegian mainland on the Barents Sea, is to be developed for tourism (Tony Samstag writes).

The £20 million project will include a rail link to the North Cape plateau where, according to a government announcement, visitors will find "an artificial grotto with a panorama sea view for observation of the midnight sun".

Nato mediation cools crisis in Aegean

Turkey claims upper hand

From Nicholas Beeston, Istanbul

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, was greeted yesterday by thousands of cheering people when he arrived in Ankara to announce that Turkey had turned the Aegean crisis with Greece to its own advantage.

"Turkey has shown itself to be the cooler, more responsible side," said Mr Ozal on his return from London where he had been recovering from a heart bypass operation.

After a weekend of frantic diplomatic mediation by their Nato allies, Turkey and Greece have reached a temporary settlement to claims over disputed waters in the Aegean Sea.

The settlement, which was finalized through talks in Athens between the Turkish ambassador and the Greek Government, followed intervention by Britain, the US and other Nato powers.

The breakthrough was announced on Saturday night by the Turkish Foreign Ministry, which said that Turkey would not explore for oil in the disputed waters – off three Greek islands near the Turkish mainland – in return for assurances from Greece that it had halted its exploration efforts.

The Turks greeted the news as a great victory over their traditional rival. Their enthusiasm, however, was not shared by some Western diplomats who feel the latest incident, in a long history of conflicts, seriously threatens the stability of the region and Nato's south-east flank.

"The conflict over the Aegean is extremely dangerous and unless this dispute is tackled it could happen again with more serious consequences," warned a senior diplomat in Ankara.

The dispute revolves around more than 500 Greek islands in the Aegean near the Turkish coast, where territorial claims overlap. Part of the area could be rich in oil: Greece currently pumps 28,000 barrels a day of crude off the island of Thasos.

Ankara has claimed that Greece wants to expand its existing six-mile limit to 12 miles and that on Saturday it allowed an international consortium to start drilling for oil 11 miles east of Thasos.

In Turkish minds this was tantamount to a declaration of war and Ankara despatched its own exploration vessel, Sismik I, with an escort of warships to carry out tests near three Greek islands.

Greece responded by putting its forces on alert and sending its own warships.

In spite of fears of a confrontation, diplomats in Ankara were reassured at the height of the dispute on Friday when senior officers in the Turkish military attended an evening reception given by British military attaches.

Greeks see defiance pay off

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The latest sabre-rattling over Aegean rights has revealed that Greece is adopting tougher and quite unpredictable tactics which many Greeks believe actually averted a war with Turkey, but which may have far-reaching repercussions in the region.

The Government of Mr Andreas Papandreou claims it did not want a confrontation with Turkey in the Aegean. In fact, it says, it took legislative action to stop any oil drilling outside its territorial waters that might have upset the Turks. But it used defiant rhetoric at home to defend its action against criticism from the political Opposition.

Western analysts believe that Turkey, mistrusting Greek intentions, rattled its sabres not just to restate its claims in the Aegean, but to force Greece into a dialogue on their differences.

Turkish military pressure in the Aegean has never failed in the past to bring recalcitrant Greek governments back to the negotiating table. Ankara sees a bilateral dialogue as a hedge against Greek unilateral actions.

Mr Papandreou, who has consistently refused a dialogue with Turkey ("We ask for nothing; we shall give nothing"), this time resisted the pressure. He warned he would stop by force the Turkish ship, Sismik I, if it carried out oil exploration near Greek islands.

This posture sets a behavioural precedent for future Greek Governments that Turkey might find difficult to disregard.

Faced with the prospect of immediate war with Turkey, Mr Papandreou did not turn for help, or even moral support, to Nato, the EEC or the United States. Instead, he dispatched Mr Karolos Papoulias, the Foreign Minister, by military plane to Sofia for consultations with President Zhivkov of Bulgaria, a Warsaw Pact country that, like Greece, has a common border and mutual animosity with Turkey.

The new Greek tactics are clearly part of a deliberate policy to warn the Americans and Nato that unless they dissuade Turkey from its confrontational course, Greece will no longer depend on its traditional partners.

● BRUSSELS: The "good offices" offered by Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, in the dispute between Greece and Turkey have been accepted by Ankara only. He needs the consent of both parties, however, to proceed further (Frederick Bonnart writes).

A Nato spokesman said Turkey accepted his offer yesterday, while the Greeks considered it "not necessary at this moment".

Britain named in US list of South Africa arms suppliers

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and Switzerland will be named by the Reagan Administration this week as sources of arms sent to South Africa in defiance of a United Nations embargo.

An Administration report to Congress will also state that successive Israeli governments actively condoned and sought an arms supply relationship with South Africa to offset the cost of maintaining a large and expensive defence industry.

Much of the report is expected to be classified because of fears that the findings could embarrass the allies. It has been an open secret for years that South Africa has bought weapons and military equipment from several West European countries.

The report goes into detail about the sales, some of which have been acknowledged by Western European governments. Congressional sources said they believed that in some cases deals had been conducted through a network of dummy corporations and sales to third party agents, allowing some governments to deny knowledge of sales to South Africa, or at least to argue that they were made in defiance of the 1977 UN embargo.

The European deals will have a much smaller impact on Washington than the alleged Israeli involvement, because they were conducted through private manufacturers or dealers, without government involvement, while the alleged Israeli connection was through a government-to-government relationship.

The Administration has to make regular reports on South Africa under rules established by Congress.

In a move calculated to avoid further damage to relations with the US, the Israeli Government announced 11 days ago that it would begin reducing arms supplies to South Africa by not entering into any new military agreements with Pretoria.

Some observers here have complained that the extent of the on-going relationship between Israel and South Africa will be impossible to determine.

The Administration is worried by the prospect of further tensions in its relationship with Israel. There is still widespread anger on Capitol Hill over the case of Jonathan Pollard, the American Jew who was recently sentenced to life imprisonment for spying on the US for Israel.

Mr John Wiley, South Africa's Minister of Environmental Affairs, was found dead with a bullet wound in his head at his home near Cape Town yesterday (Our Correspondent writes). Police do not suspect foul play.

Stellenbosch revolt

Cape Town – Another 301 Stellenbosch University academics have joined the revolt by intellectuals against President Botha's National Party rule of South Africa (Our Correspondent writes).

They signed a declaration of support for 28 lecturers and professors who issued a manifesto objecting to the slow pace of reform and calling for the scrapping of key apartheid laws. The declaration leaves the party largely bereft of support among academics on the campus, regarded as the intellectual citadel of nationalist Afrikanerdom.

Professor Andries van der Walt of the mathematics faculty said yesterday that about 50 professors and 80 senior lecturers were among the 301 academic staff who signed the petition.

Warm African welcome for Prince of Wales



The Prince of Wales being presented with a traditional Swazi necklace by Queen Regent Mtombi, the mother of King Mswati of Swaziland, during a visit before he travelled on to Malawi.

The Prince was given a colourful welcome in Malawi yesterday afternoon by hundreds of brightly clad women at the start of a three-day visit to the small and landlocked southern African state (Michael Hornsby writes).

He was greeted in Blantyre by President Hastings Banda, autocratic octogenarian life President, who has wielded semi-feudal power ever since the former Nyassaland gained independence from Britain in 1964.

Last night Prince Charles was the guest of honour at a state banquet hosted by Dr Banda at the Sanjinka Palace, one of the many residences used by the Malawian ruler, who lives in style but without ostentatious extravagance.

A large crowd of "mbumba", Malawian women swathed in brilliant dresses and turbans featuring portraits of the President in their design, began ululating as soon as the RAF VC 10 bringing the Prince from Swaziland appeared.

Dr Banda, wearing as always a black homburg hat, sunglasses and a dark pinstripe three-piece suit, waved the fly whisk from which he has become inseparable and lent on an ivory cane as the Prince's plane taxied up to the red carpet.

There was a hint of unsteadiness as Dr Banda mounted the rostrum with his royal guest to hear the playing of National Anthems by a Malawi army band, but otherwise he showed little sign that he was a man estimated to be getting on for 90 years old.

His exact age is not known. The official biography says he was born in 1906, but there is evidence that his actual year of birth was 1898. Speculation about his age and about who might succeed him when he dies is taboo in Malawi.

In close attendance on Dr Banda at the welcoming ceremony was Mama Cecilia Kadzamira, a statuesque woman in a purple dress. A figure of power in her own right, she began her career in Dr Banda's household many years ago as a nurse-receptionist and now has the title of Official Hostess.

It is the Prince of Wales's first visit to Malawi and in Dr Banda he has a host who is among the most remarkable leaders that independent Africa has produced, the object of a personality cult without equal in the non-communist world.

His writ runs even to matters of dress. Long hair and flared trousers are banned for men, and women are not allowed to wear slacks or skirts that do not reach below the knees.

Dr Banda has also refused to introduce television, which he considers a corrupting influence. He himself is said to possess the only set in the country, on which he tunes in to British programmes.

Malawi is also the only country on the African continent which has full diplomatic relations with South Africa. Dr Banda sees this as simple recognition of the economic dependence of countries in the southern African region on South Africa, a view for which he was long derrided but which recent events have to some extent vindicated.

The Prince's visit to Swaziland was the first by a senior member of the British Royal Family in 60 years. In addition to being entertained by traditional dancing by warriors and bare-breasted maidens, he met King Mswati, aged 18, who came to the throne last year.

He also inaugurated the 25th anniversary meeting of the United World Colleges with a visit to Waterford Kamhlaba School, one of the first, and still the most famous, of the multi-racial educational establishments in southern Africa.

Perched on a hilltop overlooking Mbabane, Swaziland's village-sized capital, Waterford is one of only seven schools around the world grouped into the United World Colleges, of which Prince Charles is the president.

In a speech at a banquet on Saturday night, he went out of his way to praise the racial harmony he had found in Swaziland, an observation which he evidently hoped would be heard across the border in neighbouring South Africa.

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Armies break the ice at Potsdam

Potsdam (Reuter) – East and West German army officers broke the ice this weekend when they clinked vodka glasses at a first-ever meeting on East German soil. The milestone followed a day of Soviet-East German manoeuvres 18 miles from "enemy" borders.

Colonel Hans-Hennig Kahmann was one of two West German army (Bundeswehr) officers at exercises here for the first time.

"I had to break off work at one point to buy some things. To my surprise, the local people didn't seem at all shocked at the sight of a Bundeswehr officer popping into the shop," he said.

His surprise was perhaps justified. Since the two states emerged in divided Germany in 1949, each army has sought to portray the other as sinister and aggressive. East Germans are taught from school days that the 495,000-strong Bundeswehr is poised to destroy their country.

East German officers kindle foreigners' memories of the Nazi Wehrmacht with jackboots, pre-war style uniforms and a goose-step march.

While Colonel Kahmann broke the ice with his East German Army (NVA) counterpart, General Gerhard Kunze, other Western officers were enthusiastic over chances to watch opposition armies.

Colonel Roy Giles, a British officer observing the 23,500 Soviet and 1,500 East German troops in action, was free to talk with ordinary soldiers.

"I was allowed to sit by the tracks of a T 72 tank and climb inside a Soviet armoured vehicle and that would have been unthinkable two years ago," Colonel Giles said.

East Germany is a key military area for the Warsaw Pact, defended by 180,000 East German troops and border guards plus 400,000 Soviet soldiers.

The new access is agreed in the Stockholm treaty on security and co-operation in Europe, which obliges signatory countries to invite observers to exercises involving more than 17,000 troops.

But unlike previous agreements it allows observers to move around exercise areas and talk to soldiers – a facility Warsaw Pact observers had in the West, but which they had denied Nato officials.

Major-General Yegor Bokov, chief Soviet "minder" to the observer teams, was noncommital when asked if he saw special significance in the presence of West German officers in Potsdam.

If the ice was broken this weekend between two officers, the general chill seems unlikely to pass for some time. Both sides are well aware that when the vodka bottle is put away they remain in opposing camps.

Beirut camps war

Amal fires on protest march

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut

Shia Muslim Amal gunmen yesterday reportedly killed at least four Palestinian civilians when they opened fire on scores of demonstrators demanding the end of a four-month siege of their refugee camps.

Muslim radio stations said that at least two women were among the dead and two others were wounded when the demonstration of about 250 was sprayed with bullets.

According to witnesses, most of the demonstrators were women and children who have been denouncing almost daily the continued siege around Chatila and Bourj el-Barajneh.

Officials of the Syrian-backed Amal militia claimed that armed Palestine Liberation Organization guerrillas, who had joined the protest, were planning to attack militia positions on the western flank of Chatila, in the southern outskirts of Beirut.

The shooting was the second such incident in recent weeks and illustrated again Syria's inability to stop the conflict despite calls to do so from leaders of the Arab world. It came only hours after Dr Chris Giannou, a Canadian surgeon in charge of Chatila's tiny field hospital, issued an appeal to international organizations to help stop what he described as "the slow torture" of nearly 5,000 Palestinians trapped inside the ruins of the camp.

In an interview published by the French-language daily, *L'Orient-Le Jour*, Dr Giannou gave a grim account of life in Chatila, where he said the population was facing starvation and disease.

"We have flour for three more days. Hospital patients eat half a loaf of bread a day," he was quoted as saying. "Surgery is done under candlelight. Our laboratory and our radiology equipment are no longer working."

The Syrian Army deployed in most of west Beirut has taken no effective steps to try to stop the war of the camps, and has refrained from entering the southern suburbs. The presence there of guerrillas of Mr Yassir Arafat's PLO and pro-Iranian Shia Muslim fundamentalists, increasingly hostile to Damascus, are regarded as a major double challenge to Syria's latest "security plan" for the Muslim sector of the capital.

Israelis raid area south of Tyre

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israeli troops were helicoptered into southern Lebanon at the weekend to seal off an area five miles north of the border.

The region contains three villages from which Katyusha rockets are thought by the military here to have been launched into Galilee border settlements in recent days.

The area, near the village of Siddikin, about eight miles south-east of Tyre, was said to be under the influence of "Hezbollah (Party of God) forces and other extremist Shia organizations".

In the battle on Saturday five Israeli soldiers were reported to have been wounded by ricochets, although none of them seriously.

The bodies of three defenders were found after the raid and the Israeli Command estimated they had suffered additional casualties.

There have been irregular but persistent Katyusha attacks on the Galilee ever since Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon nearly two years ago.

Only two of these attacks have caused any reported casualties, the last a week ago when 10 people required treatment for shock and slight cuts.

The raid on Saturday, which was just outside the so-called "security zone" which Israel controls in southern Lebanon, appears to have been both to retaliate for the rocket attack and to try to deter others using the area for similar launchings.

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Chinese leadership changes

Autumn congress set to confirm Zhao as new party general secretary

From Robert Grieves, Peking

Mr Zhao Ziyang, China's Prime Minister and acting General Secretary of the Communist Party, will retain both posts until the party's 13th congress this autumn, a high-ranking Chinese official said at the weekend.

The congress is expected to take place in September or October and, according to several Chinese leaders, could see Mr Zhao appointed permanently to the post of general secretary – the most powerful in the Government below that of Mr Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader – and relinquishing that of Prime Minister.

"China is a very big country, and it is difficult for one person to have both posts," Mr Yao Yilin, one of the five deputy prime ministers, said. "It is estimated that this question can be settled at the party congress."

Mr Zhao was appointed acting General Secretary on January 16, the day Mr Hu Yaobang, the former General Secretary, resigned.

Mr Yao also said that the congress, which is held every five years, would approve a document on reforming China's political structure. This, as proposed in September by Mr Deng, refers mainly to reducing bureaucracy and separating party and bureaucratic functions.

Mr Yao and two other deputy Prime Ministers, Mr Li Peng and Mr Tian Jiyun – both of whom are regarded as candidates for the prime ministership – fielded questions from Chinese and foreign reporters in Peking's Great Hall of the People on Saturday. The two-hour press conference has become a fixture of each annual meeting of the National People's Congress. The current congress ends it session early next month.



Mr Yao: commitment to political reforms.

Although Mr Deng and Mr Zhao have both publicly mentioned Mr Hu's political dowafall, Mr Yao used the occasion to explain why Mr Hu lost his post.

"The major faults and weaknesses of Comrade Hu Yaobang occurred because he was weak and ineffective in the struggle against bourgeois liberalization ... After the student disturbances Comrade Hu himself asked to resign. The student demonstrations were his main fault and error and the reason for the acceptance of his resignation."

Mr Hu, as China's leading party official in charge of ideology, was blamed for the massive student demonstrations in support of Western-style democracy and freedom that swept China.

Asked if China's "anti-bourgeois liberalization campaign" would be extended to Hong Kong, Mr Li said: "I can tell you definitely it will not." This, he said, was because the capitalist system was guaranteed to continue in Hong Kong until 2047.

Libyans said to be fighting on in Chad



The Libyan leader Colonel Gadaffi stretching out his hands to reach demonstrators during a ceremony in Tripoli at the weekend marking the 17th anniversary of the withdrawal of British troops from the country.

In Paris, M André Giraud, the French Minister of Defence, has said that important military operations have still to be carried out in the Tibesti region in northern Chad to which Libyan troops have withdrawn after retreating from their last maia Chadian stronghold at Faya Largeau (Our Foreign Staff writes).

M Giraud said that the military situation in the north was still unclear, and reports reaching Paris yesterday spoke of further battles between Libyan and Chadian government troops.

The Tibesti region is the base for the last Chadian dissidents fighting with the Libyans. The Libyan position there is stronger as supplies can reach them from the Aouzou strip to the north, which has been occupied by Libya since 1973.

In confirming the fall of Faya Largeau, the Chadian Embassy in Paris said that the death toll would be given later, hinting that Faya Largeau was not, as earlier reports indicated, taken without a shot being fired after the evacuation of Libyan troops.

A Chadian military communiqué released on Saturday said 80 Libyan soldiers were killed when a Libyan column fleeing Faya Largeau was intercepted by troops of President Hissène Habré near Zouar in the north-west. It did not say whether government troops had been killed.

Meanwhile, Chad released 103 former rebels yesterday, two days after the victory in the north. The freed men once fought for the exiled President Goukouni Oueddei, whose Libyan-backed Popular Armed Forces organization was the main guerrilla group fighting the Government until he broke with Tripoli last year.

Warsaw says it bowed to unions but took a risk over price increases

Warsaw (Reuter) – Poland's Communist Government raised food and energy prices yesterday but warned that it had taken an economic risk by reducing the scale of the increases under pressure from official trade unions.

Mr Lech Walesa, whose banned Solidarity union was replaced by the National Trade Union Alliance (OPZZ), which claims seven million members, condemned the increases.

"For the first time in six years (since Solidarity was banned), I say enough ... I am against price rises as being the only sign of reform," Mr Walesa told a crowd of 1,500 supporters in Gdansk.

"I am for reforms. I favour the reforms which Gorbachov is carrying out ... but I am not in favour of make-believe reforms."

He stopped short of calling for industrial action but said that Solidarity activists around the country were at the disposal of factory workers.

A government communiqué broadcast on Saturday night said that food prices would rise by an average 9.3 per cent, petrol, gas and electricity by 25 per cent and coal by 50 per cent.

Meat prices will rise by 10 per cent from April 1. Some postal charges will double next month, while rail and bus fares will be increased by 30 per cent in October.

The Government said food prices should have risen by 13 per cent according to this year's economic plan. "Economic reasoning calls for greater price rises than those which have been announced ... The Government has taken an economic risk in accepting a portion of the trade unions' demands."

OPZZ warned this month that it would fight efforts to impose the original range of price rises. Its leaders said the measures would damage living standards and seriously affect the low-paid and pensioners, despite government pledges to protect their purchasing power.

The Government said it disagreed with the unions' reasoning and said its climb-down could have damaging consequences for Poland's economic recovery.

Chirac visit to US

French to focus on missile concerns

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, yesterday left Paris amid reinforced security for a four-day visit to the United States. For the past three weeks the security around the French leader has been discreetly reinforced after alleged information from US intelligence services that he could be a victim of a terrorist attack.

M Chirac, accompanied by M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, is expected to tell President Reagan of France's concern over Moscow's proposals on scrapping intermediate nuclear missiles in Europe. France has been the most reluctant of the European partners to endorse Moscow's plans, citing a resulting nuclear and chemical weapons imbalance in Europe in favour of the Russians and its fear that its independent nuclear deterrent could be included in later talks.

M Chirac, who plans to visit Moscow, probably at the end of May, is to spend the first two days of his US visit explaining French economic policies to New York businessmen. Despite France's poor economic outlook for this year, he has declared his wish to turn it into the leading European economic power within the next five years.

Meanwhile, nuclear disarmament and terrorism were high on President Mitterrand's agenda in talks on Saturday with Chancellor Kohl of West Germany in the Loire chateau of Chambord.

Although statements after the talks did not sound as positive as those after M Mitterrand's meeting last week with Mrs Thatcher, the leaders agreed on conditions to be included in any US-Soviet deal on intermediate nuclear missiles.

● **Italians deported:** France has deported Paolo Neri and Luisa Aluisini, two of five Italians arrested last week who are said to be wanted by Italian police for terrorist inquiries.

French police arrested a suspected pro-Iranian terrorist gang a week ago it was disclosed on Saturday.

● **WASHINGTON:** M Chirac has called on the Reagan Administration to work closely with Europe to prevent Moscow gaining a military advantage from the proposed elimination of medium-range missiles from the continent (Christopher Thomas writes).

In an interview in *The Washington Post* yesterday, M Chirac said: "An agreement on medium-range missiles must not undercut the overall balance of nuclear forces and must not award an advantage (to the Soviet Union) in short-range missiles".

Vanunu's soap trick brings bar on visitors

Tel Aviv (AFP) – Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the Israeli engineer accused of giving away his country's military secrets, has been banned from receiving any visits in jail until further notice.

Prison authorities said he had spread soap over the lenses of the closed circuit television cameras monitoring his movements in his cell in Ramleh prison.

Mr Vanunu, who was enticed from London and abducted to Israel in September 1986, is being held awaiting trial, for which no date has yet been fixed.

Strike appeal

Lusaka (Reuter) – The Zambian Government has appealed to doctors to end a strike that has crippled hospitals for a week, promising to review their pay and working conditions.

Film of love

Delhi (AFP) – Raj Kapoor, one of India's most celebrated film-makers, is to launch a film which aims to promote love between India and Pakistan and ease border tension.

Drugs drive

Nicosia (AP) – Iranian authorities arrested 16,463 smugglers, including 5,579 drug traffickers, and seized a total of 33,000lb of drugs in the year ended March 21.

Sky track

Delhi (AFP) – Tracker satellites will monitor swarms of locusts which are expected to invade Indian farmland soon.

Dr Who dies

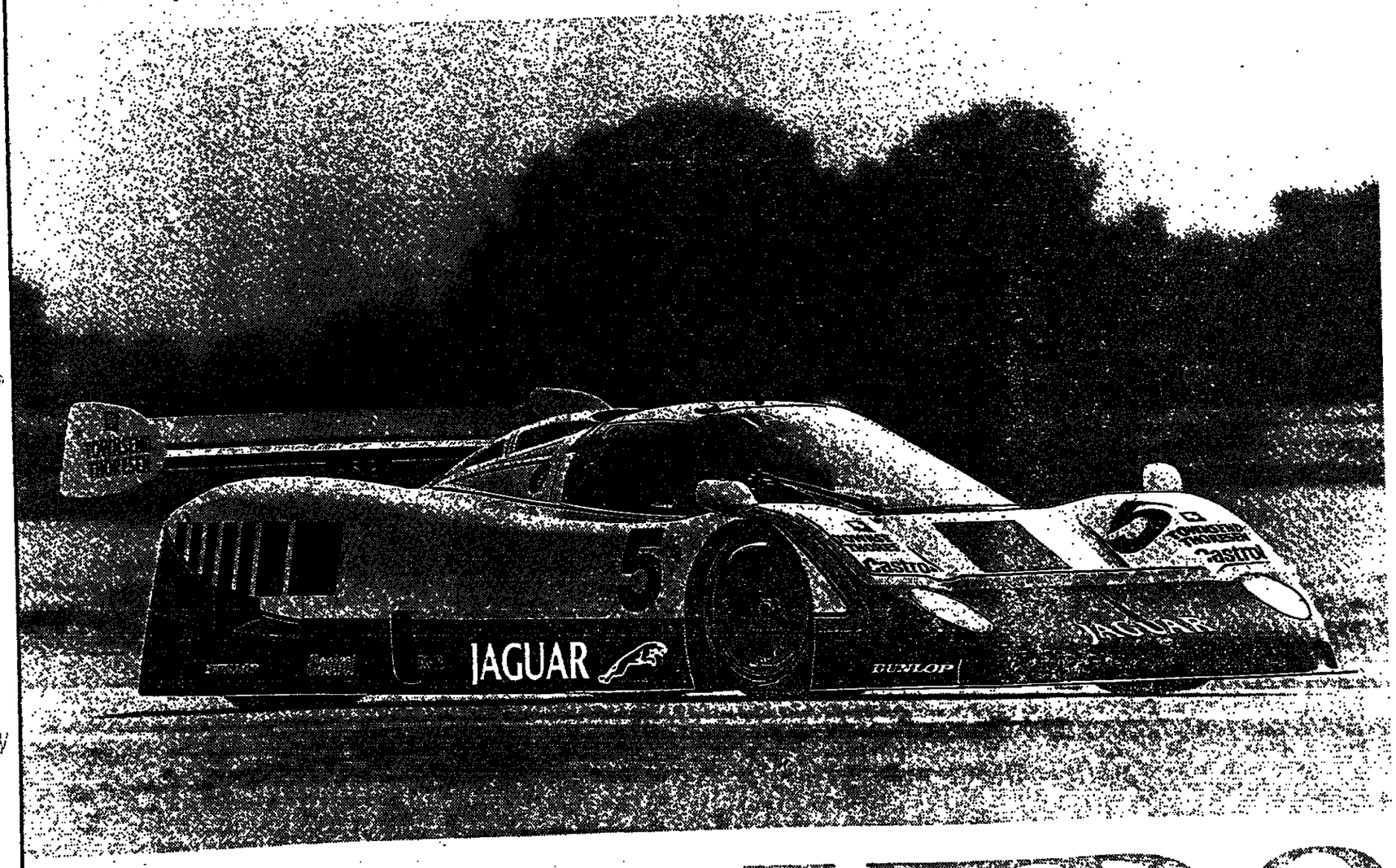
Columbus, Georgia (AFP) – Patrick George Troughton, who portrayed Doctor Who in the long-running British television series of the same name, died of a heart attack at the weekend at the age of 67.

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Home at last

Tel Aviv (Reuter) – The American folk-rock star Bob Dylan, who has rediscovered his Jewish roots after embracing Christianity, is to perform in Israel for the first time on August 29 and 31.

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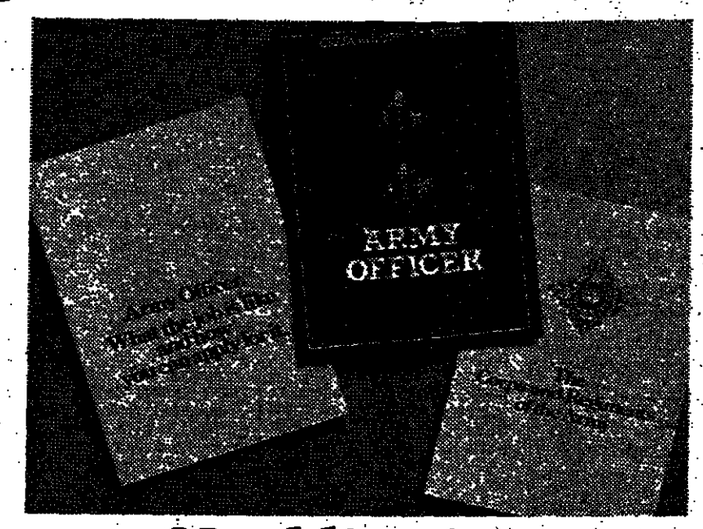
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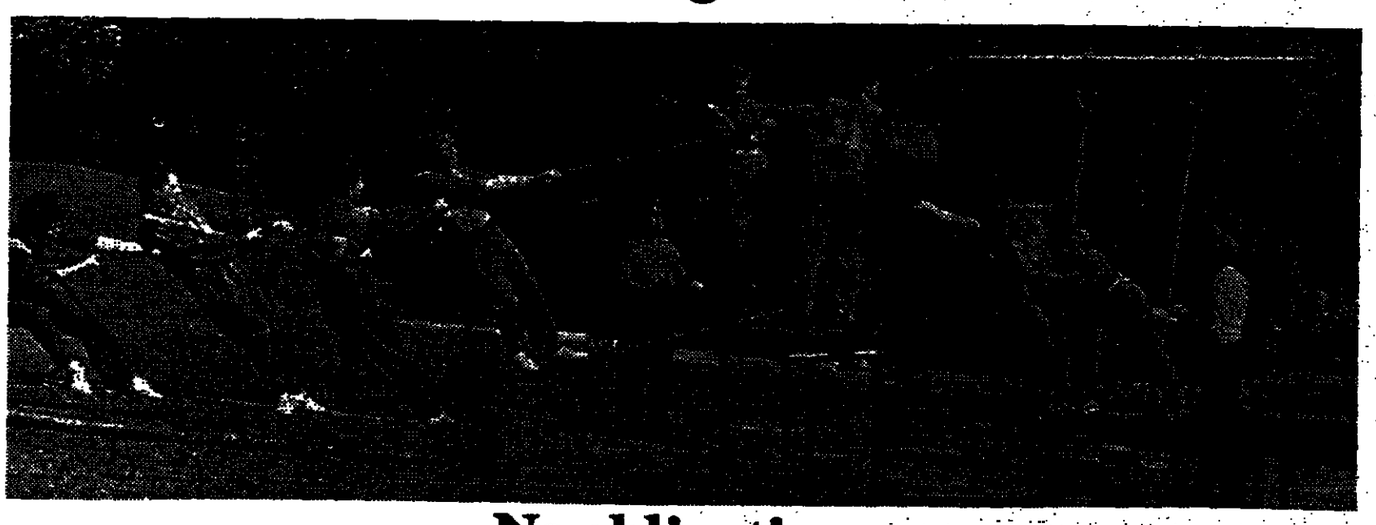
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Hawke considers early election as disarray weakens the Opposition

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The astonishing state of disarray to which Australia's opposition parties have reduced themselves has persuaded Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, to rethink his assurance to the poll-weary Australian public that there will not be an early election.

Mr Hawke will decide during the next week whether to call a snap election, which could be as early as May 9.

He has said repeatedly in recent weeks that he would resist the temptation to capitalize on the current weakness of the conservative opposition parties. A poll need not be held for another year and there is a perception that after four federal elections and sundry state polls in the past decade, voters are in no hurry for more.

But after yet another opposition debacle at the weekend the temptation may prove too great. Political analysts in Canberra are again raising the prospect of an election before what will almost certainly be a hard-hitting mini-budget on May 14.

The trigger for an early poll would be the anticipated defeat this week of a Bill to introduce a national identity card. While the Government insists the card will save billions of dollars in evaded taxes, the Opposition depicts the card as Big Brother administration. Moreover, it can probably summon the numbers to defeat the Bill in the Senate.

The latest opposition debacle occurred at a three-day federal council meeting of the National Party at the weekend.

The Nationals, under the leadership of Mr Ian Sinclair, are junior partners in the conservative party coalition, led by Mr John Howard and the Liberals, but since the beginning of the year have been under sustained pressure from Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen to withdraw.

Sir Joh, head of the National Party Government in Queensland, has presented himself as the messianic leader of a right-wing crusade which, having destroyed the coalition and dumped the Howard-Sinclair partnership, will eject the Hawke Government at the first opportunity.

Sir Joh has yet to prove that he can swing the National Party behind him, let alone the Liberals of the nation. Matters are no clearer after the weekend, as what had been depicted as the showdown between Sir Joh and Mr Sinclair at the federal council meeting ended in the worst possible way for both sides — inconclusively.

Mr Sinclair claimed afterwards that he had persuaded Queensland MPs to defy an order from their state executive to walk out of the coalition. Sir Joh's advisers retorted that the coalition was only being kept intact until it was known whether Mr Hawke would call an early election.

The Liberals under Mr Howard have fared no better in the past week, with the resignations of two members of the shadow cabinet. The first was Mr Andrew Peacock, the foreign affairs spokesman. Publication of an illegally-taped conversation between Mr Peacock and Mr Jeff Kennett, the Liberal leader in Victoria, revealed his designs against Mr Howard.

Mr Howard had no alternative but to dismiss Mr Peacock.

After that upheaval, the departure of Mr Peter Baume from the front bench — because of his disagreement with a change of policy on the issue of equal opportunities for women and ethnic minorities — attracted comparatively little attention. But it was no less symptomatic of the malaise which now appears to have the Opposition in its grip.

A small corner of hell in war-torn Nicaragua



A dazed Nicaraguan government soldier is led away after surviving an ambush last week by US-backed Contras in which six others troops were killed and eight wounded. The rebels are also stepping up their campaign against state-run workers' co-operatives and farms.

From Alan Tomlinson, Nueva Guinea, Nicaragua

There can be few places more aptly-named than the sun-baked ravine nine miles north of here where a lorryload of forestry workers perished last week in a hail of bullets.

They call it El Infierno — the Spanish word for Hell. Locals cannot tell you precisely how it earned its name: whether from the scorching heat they toil in or the Dantesque landscape of rocky crags.

Some will tell you it is because the place is infernally dangerous, an ideal spot for the kind of guerrilla ambush the workers from the state-owned lumber project drove into. The dusty road winds between steep walls of volcanic rock clothed in thick cover, where the Contras have often lain in wait before.

The armed and sometimes uniformed logging teams must run the gauntlet through the gully on their way to cut trees.

The eight foresters who died last Wednesday brought to 23 the number of state forestry workers killed by the Contras in the past 2½ years, as the US-backed rebels keep up their offensive against the Nicaraguan Government's economy.

Ten co-operative farmers, who died when rebels attacked their project at the village of Aguas Calientes (Hot Waters) earlier this month, are among hundreds of peasants whose participation in the Sandinista revolution's rural programme has cost them their lives.

"They attack us because we are organized," said a defiant Señor Medardo Morales as he attended the wake of co-worker, Señor Claudio Garcia, the driver of the bullet-riddled lorry in which the forestry men died.

"Our crime is that we wear this," he added, tugging at the olive green shirt he has worn since his demobilization from the Sandinista People's Army. Some of the eight dead workers wore similar shirts or trousers. "The uniform says, 'I'm against the counter-revolution'."

However, the forestry workers also carried Soviet-made AK 47 assault rifles issued to them by the company. "It's difficult for us to go unarmed," said Señor Juan Antonio Diaz, aged 28, one of two survivors of the ambush who jumped from the lorry as the fusillade rained down. Señor Diaz worked in government health programmes and in Sandinista grassroots organizations. Known Sandinista activists like himself have frequently been singled out for assassination.

In a communiqué taking responsibility for the ambush at El Infierno, the main rebel group, the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), accused the Government of "erasing the distinction between combatants and non-combatants" by arming peasants.

The communiqué, broadcast over Radio Liberación, the rebel radio station, repeated an earlier FDN warning that anyone bearing arms or wearing uniform would be considered a legitimate military target.

Hard line urged on aid to Ethiopia

Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, goes to the Horn of Africa next week. In the first of two articles, Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, assesses the implications of her visit to Ethiopa against a background of controversy in Britain.

A government reassessment of Britain's aid to Ethiopia has prompted a passionate morality debate among academics, MPs and Whitehall officials.

Strong feelings — both negative and positive — have been aroused by hints that an increase in aid may be announced soon when Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, visits Ethiopia.

The minister has received large amounts of contradictory but highly informed opinion from respected sources. Although the increase the Government is contemplating would be small, it is adamantly opposed in some quarters, not all of whom are noted for right wing views.

The issue will be thrown into high relief by a visit she is to make to an Ethiopian collective farm. The crops are said to be flourishing, symbolizing an agricultural recovery after the famine. Opponents of British aid argue that this is the time to withdraw Britain's support for a highly unpopular regime. Supporters say that Ethiopia's cyclical droughts will soon dispel any illusion of self-sufficiency.

Influential figures, who gave their views on condition that they remain anonymous, have called on her to take a hard line when she arrives in Addis Ababa on April 9. All government aid other than famine relief should be stopped and diplomatic links kept to the bare minimum, they suggest, while Britain should at the same time try to identify and support non-Marxist opposition groups.

Their argument is that foreign aid indirectly contributes to abuses of human rights on a vast scale. It has freed resources to pay for the forced resettlement of five million Ethiopians, sometimes at gunpoint, under the so-called "villagization" policy.

Ethiopia's offical aims enjoy some support, since moving peasants to more fertile land may offer their best long-term chance of survival. But there is a widespread feeling that the real objective is to stamp out opposition by breaking up provincial groupings.

The opponents of British aid say that it buys no influence. Neither Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, chairman of the Provisional Military Administration Council, nor any of his inner-circle except the Foreign Minister, has received Britain's ambassador. Mrs Chalker will be the first British minister to visit Ethiopia since the famine, and it is an open question whether Colonel Mengistu will see her.

There is some disagreement among opponents on whether existing separatist movements in Eritrea should receive British backing and, if so, which of the many factions. One academic has argued that none of them deserves British sympathy, a view strongly disputed by voluntary aid workers.

Supporters of British aid have been equally vociferous. They argue that any cut would increase Ethiopia's vast human tragedy without influencing its Marxist regime. Some believe there is disagreement within the regime over the "villagization" policy, and think Addis Ababa should be given time to respect an undertaking given to the EEC that peasants will be allowed to produce and sell their own crops. By linking aid to policy concessions, the West could achieve worthwhile changes in Ethiopia, they think.

Sir Bernard Braine, MP for Castle Point and a former Conservative spokesman on overseas aid, told *The Times* that it was essential to distinguish between humanitarian aid and government-to-government development assistance. Nearly all the £80 million given by the Government since 1984 has been in the first category, mostly distributed through voluntary agencies.

"It presents a moral dilemma for the West," he said. "You cannot play power politics in circumstances like these. If you take the view that any aid props up the regime you show utter indifference to human suffering."

Mrs Chalker has been advised by academics that, however unlovable the regime may be, it is efficient and firmly in control. Although it depends on Soviet support, it dislikes its Kremlin masters.

The minister has indicated that her view is not yet fixed, especially on the central issue of whether aid should be linked to policy reforms.

Tomorrow: Somalia

Britain and the Horn of Africa
Part 1

Thais launch offensive to dislodge Vietnamese

From Nell Kelly, Bangkok

A new drive by the Thai Army against hundreds of Vietnamese soldiers entrenched in north-east Thailand continued at the weekend in rugged, mountainous country, and coincided with fresh verbal attacks on Thailand by Vietnam and Laos.

The Thais have in the past four days been using heavy artillery and aircraft. An army spokesman said that the Vietnamese had been driven off two hills, and that all escape routes to the Cambodian border had been sealed.

The bodies of 19 Vietnamese soldiers were found on the recaptured hills. More than 30 Thai troops have been killed in the area in the past three months.

General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, the Thai Army Commander-in-Chief, says the Vietnamese have occupied hills in Ubon Ratchathani province for more than three months.

Vietnam denies that it is occupying Thai territory, and calls Thai claims slander designed to stop peace talks on Cambodia.

Before leaving Bangkok after last week's unsuccessful talks to improve relations with Thailand, Mr Soubanh Sarithirath, the deputy Foreign Minister of Laos, announced that the new highway linking Laos with the port of Da Nang in Vietnam would be completed this year. He said it would make his country less dependent on Thailand for moving merchandise.

Follow the leaders

Sony to double output from South Wales TV factory

Financial Times, 3rd March '87.

Hoover to move head office to South Wales

By Robin Reeves, Welsh Correspondent

HOOVER, the domestic appliance manufacturer, said yesterday it was moving its UK head office from Perivale, west London, to premises adjoining its existing factory at Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales.

Financial Times, 28th November '86.

Hitachi microwave plant for S Wales

By Robin Reeves, Welsh Correspondent

HITACHI, the Japanese consumer products group, will invest £3m at its plant in Hirwaun, south Wales, to set up its first microwave oven factory outside Japan. The site was chosen after other locations in West Germany and France had been investigated.

Financial Times, 13th January '87.

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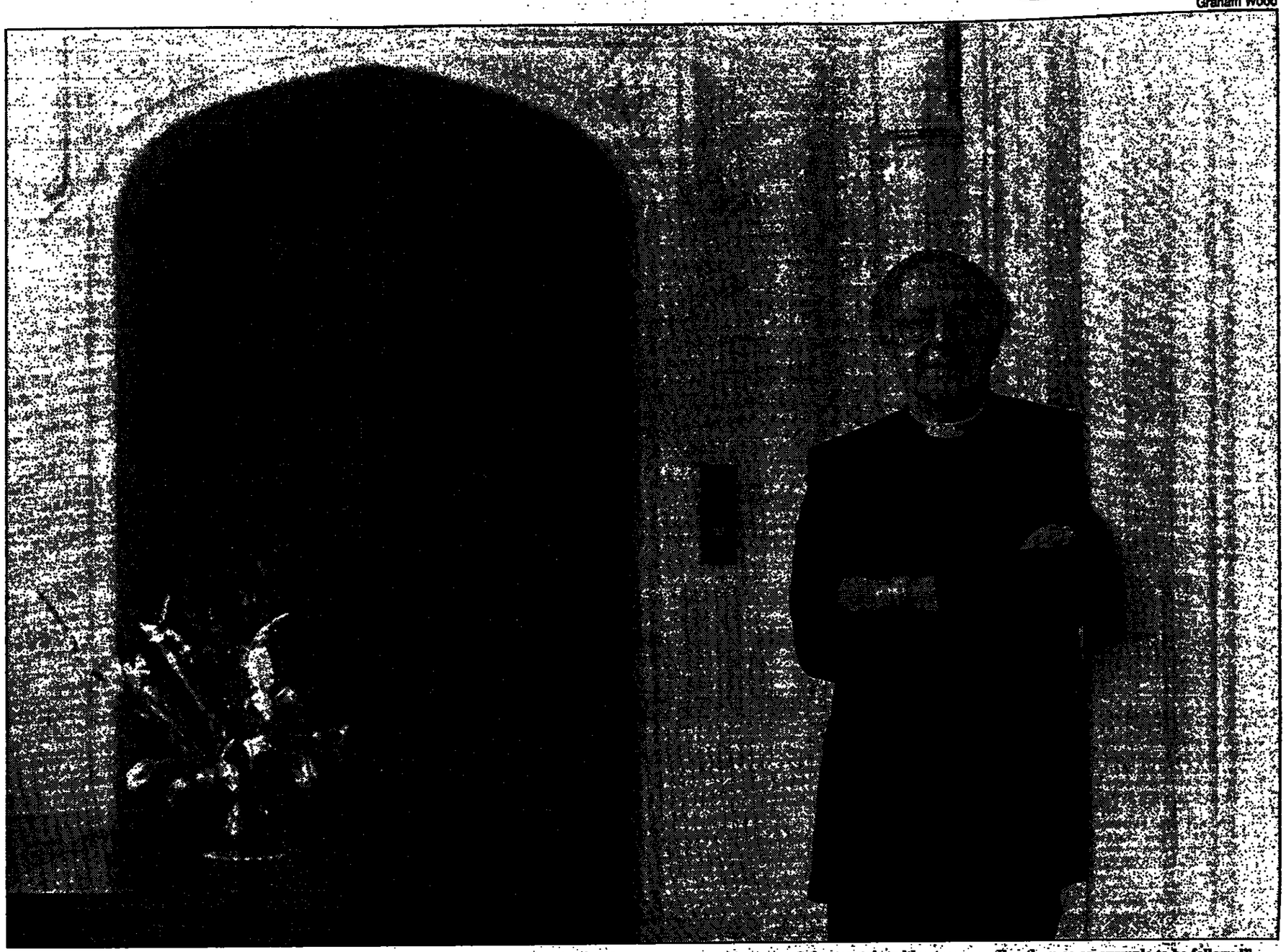
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Where is our moral energy?

Graham Wood



Dr Robert Runcie: "We have to teach the norms of moral behaviour and deal with exceptions as they come, recognizing any good they contain, without commending them as an example to be followed"

In an exclusive interview with *The Times*, the Archbishop of Canterbury discusses with Bernard Levin the decline of personal morality — but rejects a return to the teaching of absolute standards

Do you share a widespread feeling that there has been a considerable decline in the last 20 years or so in personal morality — by which I don't mean only sexual matters?

Yes; I think that in all sorts of areas like debt, truth-telling, respect for property and sexual indulgence, there has been a general decline. It is always difficult to judge whether this means, in great balloon statements, "we are a less moral society", but there are plenty of examples, such as crimes against the person, which are not simply attributable to better detection or a more widespread police force.

What do you feel has caused this?

I think that there are many reasons. I think the lack of neighbourliness in our society, and the more impersonal character of high technology and so on, means that the ways in which we communicate are less person-to-person. We are distanced very often from the results of our actions or our communications. I think also that we are a less reflective society, and can be desensitized by the amount of experience which we are asked to absorb by the mass media.

There is a lack of responsibility; a decline in a sense of God; a decline in a sense of respect for other people — we are too ready to find reasons why people should behave in certain ways, or adopt certain attitudes. I think that the amount of analysis of why people are led to behave in certain ways, the amount of sociological knowledge, the behavioural sciences generally, have induced in many people a sense that "I am not the master of my fate".

That is the determinist argument?

That is the determinist argument. It is very insidious in the way in which it has seeped into our society. There is almost a *trahison des clercs*. I think that the behavioural sciences may have produced a wealth of explanation, but it's tended to reduce our morality to explanation, and when we look at moral questions, there is a temptation to solve them by research or by resources, rather than by moral energy.

We have moved very considerably from a pattern of absolute standards to a pattern of relative ones. Is that a good thing?

There is a danger that the preaching of absolute standards is insensitive and can lead to an attitude of "people must be made to behave" according to the simple absolutes adopted by the majority, or by those who have authority. But that doesn't work, because it is based on fear, and on an idea that is incongruous with a free society, the idea that there are some who know and they "inject" moral values into those who don't know. On the other hand, there is also a danger that in the move to relative standards anything goes, or you get a tendency to elevate compassion to the one absolute. So society divides between the "stiff" or the tough and the "woolly" or the soft — those who are all for law and order and making people behave, and those who are all for understanding people and forgiving. Stiffness can become self-righteousness, but woolly forgiveness often comes to mean forgetfulness.

I think myself, with Iris Murdoch, that a person's morality is not only their choices but their vision, and therefore for me morality has to do with taking responsibility for what I am as well as what I do. Penitence is an exercise in realism. It is facing the facts under the guidance of something from outside, whether it is the Truth, or as I would say, God, and allowing it or Him to draw out of me that response which I am led in all honesty to give.

How do we infuse that moral energy, or reinfuse it?

By giving us a sense that life is worthwhile, by recovering some sense of wonder, recovering some sense that we have a purpose in being here. The Victorians had moral energy because they thought that you were put on this earth in order to leave it a better place than you found it, and that did create a sort of moral energy. It wouldn't be enough for me, because I want to bring in another dimension, and however difficult it may be for me to explain this, I think that when people leave out God they become less than human, and when people eliminate eternity they can't find contentment on earth, and when they leave out the heavenly city, they don't seem to be able to build a tolerable society on earth.

There are other visions. These can become demonic. They can produce short-cut moralities where, since Utopia is long delayed, they take short cuts to it. All men then are brothers except those who need to be eliminated in the name of brotherhood.

The demonic ideologies and the horrors they have perpetrated clearly do so in the absence of God. They have no spiritual dimension and therefore in the end murdering millions of people is of no consequence.

So, too, seeking fulfilment solely in self-indulgence and hedonism is also destructive. The two alternatives that modern godless man poses for himself, between atheistic Marxism on one hand and a hedonistic self-indulgence on the other, highlight the need for us to find fulfilment in something outside ourselves. What gives me the vision I need for my choices and the moral energy I need to face up to my responsibilities is God.

As Solzhenitsyn puts it, all the trouble stems from the fact that man has forgotten God, but in that case how does man remember God?

If we are to have a free society, which is essential if love not power is going to rule the world, then we can't have some people — people who believe in God — in a position to order other people what they should believe and how they should behave. Of course it is difficult for the growing child to know what to do or to know how to behave; because there are many, many more options open nowadays. It is a matter of guiding and teaching, not commanding and ordering. It depends on getting the better things taught, truth, long-suffering, gentleness, tolerance and the fruits of the spirit.

Some people say that the multiplicity of options is precisely the problem; that when choice was simply limited in the sense that you knew where you stood and what was required of you, it was much simpler and it worked better.

The Church can't behave as in the days when it was alleged to be there to keep people in order. It can only guide, not compel. In a free society, the key concept is not obedience but responsibility. On this I agree with you, though I am cautious in making public pronouncements because of the risk of being distorted by the media, overheard by the self-righteous and used as a stick to beat the weaker. I say yes to freedom, I say yes to responsibility, I agree with your criticism of those who say we are all programmed by our genes; but on the other side, I must say no to any suggestion that we are all *equally* capable of realizing truth and goodness and moral values, and also I must say no to the idea that we couldn't enlarge the scope and remove some of the hindrances and obstacles that might enable people to do that.

It is a fact that most people don't feel the need for God in their lives. Why not?

Material satisfactions are thought to be enough; many believe that if everybody was educated and if pressures on people were removed then people would be sensible and rational and good. Greater scientific knowledge has led us to think big and doubt the significance of the particular. How could one particular man, born in Bethlehem, died in Jerusalem, have such a command over the way we behave? Yet I think that more and more at the present time, we are discovering that there is intellectual space for belief, and there's moral space and there's emotional space for belief, particularly if you begin with the particular, rather than the big system or the whole universe.

While all this has been happening, the Church has been in the battle, but it seems to have failed. Is that unfair?

It depends where you look at the Church when you say it has failed. Saints have been nurtured in parishes; it isn't the public debates of the Church about synods and about the ordination of women or even about social and political implications of the Gospel that really advance the Kingdom of God. Far more people than you might imagine, in comparison to the number in the pews, are motivated by Christian values as they support the nursing services or the welfare state or create Amnesty International or work for Oxfam.

But there are now situations where we have neither legislation, nor a moral code which is generally accepted, about a great number of things. Most notable, because it is the most talked about, is sexual morals. I think the Church has, amidst all the confusion, tended to latch on to the simple imperative of love and necessarily say something about the sort of society which we are trying to build; "but this you ought to have done, but not to have neglected the other".

We haven't thought of St Paul's great therefores — because of these things, because of these truths, therefore, walk worthy of the Lord's vocation, which means no immorality, no telling of lies, no stealing and so on. Now some of the quick-fire moral apophthegms which you get in some of the Epistles are an example of how rules are short cuts. They save you thinking it all out from the beginning.

Well, there is one gigantic "therefore" in your case, which is the therefore of the connection between sin and divine displeasure or punishment.

The Church has certainly moved away from preaching a gospel that makes people's morality depend upon fear. They have done that because the way in which it has been preached has obscured any idea of God's love. But I'm sure that a morality of natural law and a morality of grace, which is a matter not of the punishment fitting the crime, but of Christians doing what they do out of gratitude, may seem softer, but in fact, it's truer and firmer.

But where is the sanction? Obviously it isn't "Don't do that or you will go to Hell" any longer.

The sanction lies not in "Don't do this otherwise you will go to Hell," but rather in "When I survey the wondrous cross". That's what motivates me. Now I think that one quality which seems to be drained out of our present is wonder. Despite the fact that more people listen to music, perhaps more people have an appreciation of the arts, surprisingly when it comes to moral action, there isn't more respect, there isn't more reverence, there isn't more sense of wonder.

That sense of wonder is a sense of the numinous, isn't it?

Yes, it must be, and I can't eliminate that from a wholesome society. I've lived briefly in societies, particularly in eastern Europe, that have tried to eliminate that dimension, and it's like trying to eliminate aesthetic appreciation. It is not the same as aesthetic appreciation, but it is a human value whatever else you may say about its transcendent reference, and a human society is impoverished without it.

Solzhenitsyn has also been saying incessantly that in the societies where religion is not merely frowned upon but stamped out, there is a resurgence of faith, and in the societies where anyone can pray to any god they wish, there is failure. Do we need persecution?

I remember Desmond Tutu saying to me quite genuinely, "You know", he said, "I would find it very difficult to be a Christian in England because everybody is so generally nice". Well, that may not be quite true, but all the issues are blurred and I think it's that blurring that tends to anaesthetize us from the religious element. We are taught not to seek persecution; but it is, though more comfortable, in a sense much more difficult to be a Christian and a Christian believer in modern England.

Should it be difficult?

It should be a delight, but it should be a mixture of duty and delight.

Can we do without the form of authority which is rejected in talking about personal morals in a matter like this? Nobody now talks in terms of blame.

Blaming and condemning can so easily produce the fruits of self-righteousness that don't make for the most constructive sort of penitence and reparation and renewal. People know well enough that it is their own fault, and it isn't usually constructive to counsel and support people by a method of "I told you so".

No. But of course a lot of people are taught that indeed it isn't their own fault. That it is the fault of society or living conditions.

There is a crucial difference between general ethical teaching and pastoral care. If I am asked about promiscuity, my answer as a teacher of Christian ethics must be immediate and unqualified.

Well, you remember obviously James Anderton getting into hot water — I'm talking about the original statement, about swilling around in a cesspit of their own making — was he basically right, however unhelpful he may have been?

Well, by being so unhelpful I can't think he was doing right. I don't want to criticize, but that seemed to me to be an example of the failure to steer a course between the stiff and the woolly. New moral problems have come up. But the way in which Aquinas or the Caroline divines of the seventeenth century worked out the detailed problems of how to respond to questions of civil disobedience and so on was of an order and depth and sensitivity that makes our Christian talk about nuclear weapons or the threat of Aids very thin stuff.

There is a distinction in homosexuality between the nature and the action, or do you not make a distinction?

I make the distinction between the condition of being a homosexual by inclination and homosexual acts themselves. The action itself is sinful when it's against a Christian moral teaching based on the Bible; on the other hand, there are degrees of behaviour and also there is a pastoral way in which you treat people who, for example, are not promiscuous in their homosexual action; you treat them in a different way from people who are. I have seen homosexual couples in a stable relationship and actually providing in terms of simple human generosity, hospitality, artistic achievement and flair, what I can't gainsay as human good; on the other hand, they seem to do that out of what to me is a moral handicap, but then we learn to cherish the good things that come out of the handicapped.

Do you mind if I ask you — what would you do if you only had one hand? Do you not have to say that their sexual conduct, none the less, was sinful, or don't you? Or does the example, as it were, transcend that?

The example of an exception to the general rule cannot overturn what is the norm of moral behaviour. We have to teach the norms of moral behaviour and deal with exceptions as they come, recognizing any good they contain, without commending them as an example to be followed by others. We do not hold erotic homosexual genital processes to be a responsible way of living for a Christian. Although people cannot help the way they are made, they can act so as to strengthen their ability to cope and lessen the likelihood of destructive consequences. If you have epilepsy, you should not drive a car. If you are homosexually inclined, perhaps you ought not to take a job as a scoutmaster. Of course it is easy for us to say that, as we should remember how difficult it is for some of those concerned. But we should say it none the less, without seeking to throw stones at those who fail.

There is an argument that the Church has given way far too readily over abortion. Some would say no Christian church ought to be condoning it at all.

Let me state a general principle. I think that abortion for Christians is not on. But it *is* a difficult issue. There are two contrasting thoughts in my mind, and this is simply how I struggle with the problem. I do believe that as knowledge increases, so moral horizons are enlarged, and new opportunities make new moral claims upon us. This is why a Christian might have become less firm on a simple statement that abortion is killing and abortion in any form is sinful. I myself used to hold the more liberal view, but now I think we ought to be extending the area of the sacred rather than restricting it. It's a whole way of treating sacred material; it's a whole way in which I feel I want to adjust the way in which we treat the environment, and all the biological and zoological threads which join us to the animal creation and so on makes me feel a sense of reverence for the non-human as well as the human, and makes me think that all this way of dealing with genetic material as if it were disposable waste, makes for a sick society. So that I am just opening to you a movement of my own moral attitude, and I've changed. I used to be rather glib about this idea that with greater knowledge, moral horizons are enlarged. But I have become uncomfortable with those arguments, because I think that a great deal of our shallow morals springs from this lack of a sense of wonder, a sense of mythic transformation of attitude that comes from believing in God's creation.

You have clearly moved, as you described it, but why? What was it that sowed the doubts?

I think that I am less of a rationalist than I was. I am less of a pragmatic rationalist, and that's because it's important that moral attitudes should fit not into the logic of thinking which will be the same for a humanist or a believer, but somehow that will fit adequately into my vision of God's love for us. Salvation comes from outside, and I believe that we can be responsible. We can be responsible and we can respond; and that enables me to escape from this dilemma, this moral dilemma, of being either "stiff" or "woolly".

When Cardinal Hume was asked some time ago what distressed him most about the modern world, there was an enormously long pause, and he said, "The loss of truth." That makes me sad; and when we've been talking about sex and debt and violence and drugs and so on, I think that the loss of truth has had an insidious effect; the need to entertain or to excite or to encourage at all costs has had a serious effect on attitudes, that people seem to me to get away with concocted simplicities, to such a degree that it seeps into the atmosphere, that it is more important to entertain or to comfort people than to tell them the truth. I think that's a moral area that needs to be explored.

One final question. You made the distinction between the stiff and the woolly; they are both pejorative terms, and I see exactly why you argued a criticism of both of them. But if you had to fall into one or other of the camps, which would it be?

Stiff with myself, woolly with others. Jesus never encouraged us to be soft with ourselves, and when I look at myself it's a tough judgement I must make. But when I think of the other sheep that have gone astray, it's the parable of the Good Shepherd that guides my thoughts.

'A great deal of our shallow morals springs from this lack of a sense of wonder'

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Queen in a hive of industry

The City hummed when Irene Stein floated Regina Health and Beauty on the stock market. Sally Brompton pays homage at the court of royal jelly



Julian Simmonds

Something in the City: Irene Stein, who started with a phone and a £1,000 loan

Irene Stein has the bright-eyed glow of positive health and happiness normally associated with American college cheerleaders and Barbie dolls. In her case, however, the formula for bushy-tailed vitality comes ready-packaged and easily swallowed, courtesy of the queen bee and Regina Health and Beauty Products of Finchley, north London. Miraculous as Stein would have us believe the attributes of royal jelly to be, they are unlikely to have quite as beneficial an effect on the rest of us, since she owns the company which produces it.

As founding mother and managing director of Regina, Stein, a 47-year-old former secretary, is currently glowing even more brightly than usual, having just floated her company on the stock market. When I visited her in the royal blue and honey-coloured headquarters of her health empire she was glued to the share index on the boardroom television. "Up from 20p to 37p in one day. That's quite a debut. Quite a debut," she hummed, as her acolytes buzzed around her, preparing the company's promotional video for me to watch. Even she has been surprised at the number of her customers — "little old ladies in Brighton" — who have bought shares in the company.

"How's your energy?" she suddenly inquired and when I confessed that it left much to be desired she thrust forward a phial of golden liquid containing a short straw. "Let me know how you feel in an hour's time," she ordered as I tentatively sucked the contents, which professed to be "a unique and amazingly effective blend of royal jelly and four highly potent herbs . . . carefully formulated to provide a powerful and effective boost and help you achieve peak performance during times of particular stress and exertion". Stein settled back at the top of the boardroom table and concentrated the full force of her vibrancy on the matter in hand.

She launched the company 13 years ago in the sitting room of her three-bedroomed flat, with just a telephone, a typewriter and a £1,000 bank loan. "It's difficult for me to believe in the way it started when I see where it is today," she says.

Twice divorced and with two small daughters to bring up, her initial intention was to import a range of manufactured Italian food from America. However, having duly registered with the American embassy, she was contacted by a Salonican bee-keeper who was interested in marketing his royal jelly in Britain. After trying it out on herself, her family and her friends, she became so obsessed by royal jelly that she focused her already burgeoning energies on it instead.

Her first task was to find a way of preserving the jelly — which she now imports from China — without affecting the product. She tracked down a process of encapsulation in use in Italy which extended the jelly's shelf-life without impairing its quality. She then had to find a way to market it "because it sounds a bit overwhelming to say it changes your life in every way". In the face of predictable scepticism on the part of the orthodox medical profession, she tried it out on her daily help and her yoga teacher and then followed what she describes as the "alternative medical route". She also began selling through Tupperware-style parties (tea and biscuits and a pep talk from the queen bee) and to direct mail customers.

The experiences of her guinea pigs convinced her that royal jelly was a "natural rejuvenator, energizer and amazing healer". Although no one is on record as actually having thrown away their crutches and walked, Stein can reel off a list of "miracle cures", ranging from varicose veins to skin diseases. She cites a Loughborough old people's home where increases in mental alertness, appetite and hair growth have been noted on those inmates taking royal jelly.

Stein's office is adorned with photographs of herself, her mother and her two daughters, Jane, 22, and Lisa, 20, all glowing out of their frames in an invisible haze of royal jelly. Her 20 employees all gulp down their free ration of capsules each morning — presumably to maximize their working potential. Stein also encourages her directors to take weekly massage, reflexology and aromatherapy sessions, as well as an American life training programme — "a unique adventure" which promises to "radically enhance your ability to make changes in your own life and the lives of others" in 39 hours. It was after her own second attempt at the programme that Stein decided to float her company.

What with that and the City's current surge of interest in royal jelly, Stein seems set to glow on indefinitely. Her products — they range from royal jelly face cream to royal jelly honey — retail through stores, health food shops and even Boots. She is planning her strategy for marketing two new ranges of capsules for children and pets.

For a woman who claims that she has never had any career ambitions — "I saw myself as a mother and homelover" — Stein has proved to possess a natural flair for marketing. The reams of promotional material in her office include glowing tributes to royal jelly from celebrities to whom Stein originally sent free samples. She even sent, three months' supply to the Queen who, according to Stein, passed it on to the Duke of the Edinburgh. "He takes it regularly," she says, "although it is difficult to monitor now he buys it from Harrods."

For Stein herself, success means a BMW and ready-made meals from Marks & Spencer. She is hoping to buy a flat closer to fashionable Hampstead and would appreciate a little more time to enjoy herself, but otherwise life is as sweet as the royal jelly which encompasses it.

Before I left, laden down with a variety of phials and jars, Stein enquired whether my energy had improved. In actual fact, I felt exhausted — but other people's unbounded enthusiasm tends to affect me that way.

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Life and death of a child in despair

There is alarming evidence that more young children, unable to cope with their emotions, are turning to suicide

Brian Middleman died last July after swallowing 25 paracetamol tablets, just nine days after he was released from hospital following a similar overdose. The coroner recorded a verdict of death by misadventure, for Brian, emotionally traumatized by his parents' separation and other family difficulties, was only six years old.

To suggest that so young a child might deliberately harm himself, or even intend to die, is almost unthinkable. Surely a child under 10 can have no idea of the irreversibility of death? Yet evidence is emerging that some surprisingly young children do comprehend death's finality, and that deliberate self-injury may be more common among children than anyone has realized.

Official statistics show that children under 15 account for only about five suicides a year in England and Wales. But experts believe the figures may substantially understate the problem. Indeed, *The Times* reported last month that 10,000 children under 16 contacted the Samaritans last year, placing an immense strain on its volunteer resources.

"Coroners naturally are reluctant to label a child's death as suicide," says Dr Keith Hawton, consultant psychiatrist at Warneford Hospital, Oxford, and author of *Suicide and Attemped Suicide Among Children and Adolescents*. "There's a widely-held belief that children rarely commit suicide, which could mean a greater tendency for deaths in this age group to be mistakenly reported as accidents."

But while the suicide figures for children have remained stable, the rates of "accidental" and "undetermined" deaths from poisoning in 10- to 14-year-olds rose five-fold between the 1950s and '70s. If, as researchers suspect, some of these deaths are concealed suicides, might there not be a larger number of undetected attempts lurking behind the statistics?

This hypothesis was the starting point for a pilot study which was recently completed at Nottingham University's Child Development Research Unit. Through advertisements in Nottingham and Birmingham evening papers and in *Time Out*, the London listings guide, child psychologist Alison Seymour tracked down 16 men and women who deliberately took harmful substances in their teens or childhood.

The respondents, 11 women and five men, were aged between seven and 19 when the incident occurred. And of the four who were under 10 at the time, three said their intention was to end their lives. The substances they used were not the Valium, aspirin or paracetamol favoured by teenagers, but household antiseptics (two used Dettol)

Paula Youens



and ammonia. Apart from feeling sick, none came to any harm, and no one realized they had deliberately attempted to hurt themselves.

One man, now in his thirties, who took Dettol when he was nine, recalls: "I thought it would kill me immediately. The doctor was called but he just laughed and said it was childishness." He was upset by violent arguments between his parents, and two years later took an overdose of pills. "A woman in her forties, who tried to drink ammonia at the age of eight after she was wrongly accused of stealing, said that apart from wanting to die, she wanted to make somebody take notice of her and love her," says Seymour.

The findings do not surprise Dr Eric Taylor, a child psychiatrist at London's Institute of Psychiatry. His recent study, carried out in Camberwell, south-east London, looks at children aged eight to 16 admitted to hospital after attempting to poison themselves.

"One striking thing was how many of the children were despairing and hopeless about things." Even where a child was not determined to die, Dr Taylor says, "very often there was a 'don't care' risk-taking attitude".

Children begin to develop ideas of death as early as five, Dr Taylor believes. "They go on thinking they can control it for a while, but round about eight or nine children develop a mature understanding."

One profoundly disturbing American study published in 1984 looked at 16 pre-school children, aged two and a half to five, referred to a psychiatric clinic for suicidal behaviour. Thirteen of them had made multiple attempts.

Most of the children were abused, neglected or unwanted by their parents. The others had experienced loss of a parent through divorce or death. According to the researchers, child psychiatrists Stuart and Perihan Rosenthal, they expressed "combinations of profound feelings of abandonment, yearning for reunion, despair and hope of remedying their painful lot." Three-year-old Norman, for example, whose father had died in an accident and whose mother was too depressed to care for him, tried to drown himself and to jump from the roof of his house, in a pathetic attempt to be reunited with his dead father.

Keith Hawton feels that most children who deliberately harm themselves don't want to die, but simply "to make people aware how bad they're feeling". The epidemic of teenage overdosing is well documented. What we must now come to terms with is the growing evidence that children of eight or nine, or even younger, may also be leading lives of quiet desperation. Only when we can bring ourselves to think the unthinkable can we begin to act.

Clare Dyer

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Secrets of the typing pool

PENNY PERRICK



Only the other week I was writing about the fact that few men cared to enter the working woman's world and, scarcely before my column had been cleared from the computer screen, Anne Belsey from Geneva sent me an account of one who did. Joseph Finder, a freelance writer, needed a "real job" in order to eat and, being an excellent typist, became a secretary in a bank — the only man in a roomful of women in the typing pool.

From the moment he got behind his desk, his experiences were remarkably similar to those which befall female drivers of heavy goods vehicles or women who are mining engineers.

No one took him seriously, least of all the other secretaries. A typical comment was: "Come on, this stuff is too boring for you . . . guys aren't secretaries." Is it a mark of female submissiveness that the speaker didn't think that the job was too boring for *her*, or that, if it was, that was not a matter of concern?

The company bosses were equally unaccepting, and acutely uncomfortable. One of them, seeing Finder behind a typewriter, asked if "the girl" was on leave. This complements a story about my own office experience when a senior executive, coming into a newsroom (on a newspaper other than this one, I hasten to add) and finding a dozen or so women journalists hard at work, said: "Ah, nobody here, I see."

Finder's boss never asked him to make the coffee and rather than give him a letter to type would wander around the floor until he found a woman secretary with time on her hands. What he *did* do, to establish male solidarity, was talk to his male secretary about sports and tell him dirty jokes. This made Finder reflect that the word secretary is derived from "secret". Secretaries are subjected to their bosses' quirks and strange habits. They look after somebody, and that somebody is usually a man. They are, therefore, in the nature of things, meant to be female.

To me, the most spine-chilling thing about Finder's time *in* the secretarial pool was that not only did everybody else assume he was only kidding but *he did too*. For this is exactly the way I feel about my own job, and I have the uneasy feeling that every woman of my generation who goes to conferences, takes business decisions and runs a department, does too.

This is all very well, we feel, but one day we will meet somebody who will put us behind a door with roses around it, prise the income-tax forms from our ladylike fingers and not allow us to carry heavy suitcases.

Whenever working women are gathered together there is an air that we are somehow pulling a fast one on the world with our schedules and briefcases and machinations; a feeling that "real life" is elsewhere, an unspoken understanding that we are "only kidding".

Only when we learn to take our working selves seriously will men stop prowling around the office looking for a woman to make them a cup of coffee.

TALKBACK

From Dan Tunstall Pedoe, Chairman, British Association of Sport and Medicine

The article "Play Safe Sports" (March 12) is riddled with unjustifiable conclusions from statistics that cannot be interpreted without extra data.

The headline "Hang-gliding is safer than horse-riding" is based on the naive view that because 15 riders and only one hang-glider pilot died, hang-gliding is safer. Later it states that "No children under 15 appear to have died in the course of water sports (although statistics exclude drownings)". This is as logical as saying mountaineering is a safe sport if you exclude falls and death from exposure.

Comparison of deaths in different sports requires accurate data on related conditions. If in a minority sport such as hang-gliding (to take figures purely for the sake of argument) one participant out of a total of 100, each of whom on average participated for 20 hours, died in one year, then the risk would be very high at one death per 2,000 hours. If, say, 40 joggers died out of 2 million (and on average they jogged for 50 hours per year), then the death rate would be one death per 2,500,000 hours' jogging and the risk of the latter would be one thousandth of the former, not 40 times as great.

From Josephine Baxter, Pict Hall, Blawith, Ulverston, Cumbria.

Every parent whose child has undergone even minor surgery knows the anguish of taking the decision and seeing the child suffer in the cause of better health. As Barbara Amiel suggested in her article "The rules of a sterile society" (March 20), to propose that an operation such as hysterectomy could be undertaken as a matter of convenience is insulting.

However, commentators who have told us that it is Jeanette's right to bear children are silent when it comes to the fate of those possible children. Who would care for them, since we are told that Jeanette could not? Her hard-pressed mother? Possibly. Barbara Amiel? I think not. Which of us would have offered to help the man who could not cope with his 11-year-old granddaughter's periods — every month for the next 35 years?

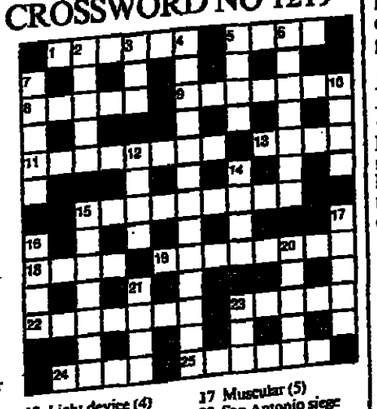
From Mrs A.H. Morgan, High Street, Dawlish, Devon.

As an ex-secretary, currently a student nurse and married to a teacher, I find that Penny Perrick's slick turn of phrase ("Clothed uniformly", March 16) manages to be insulting to both male and female workers in these fields.

If the general public's concept of nursing is "hoisting a bedridden patient into a sitting position" then it is not surprising we have a recruitment problem. I imagine secretaries and teachers would have similar views on the notion that their work requires them to "handle a word processor" and "keep a bunch of four-year-olds in order".

The teaching and nursing professions have a hard enough time of it without ill-informed witticisms from journalists who should know better.

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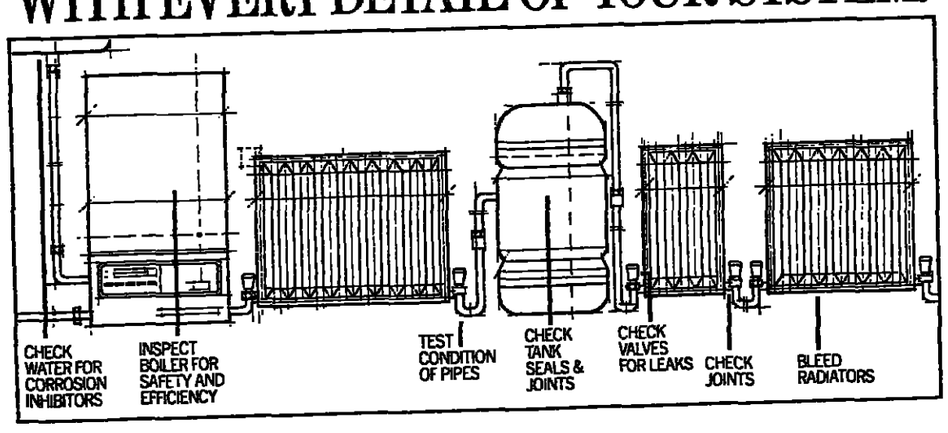
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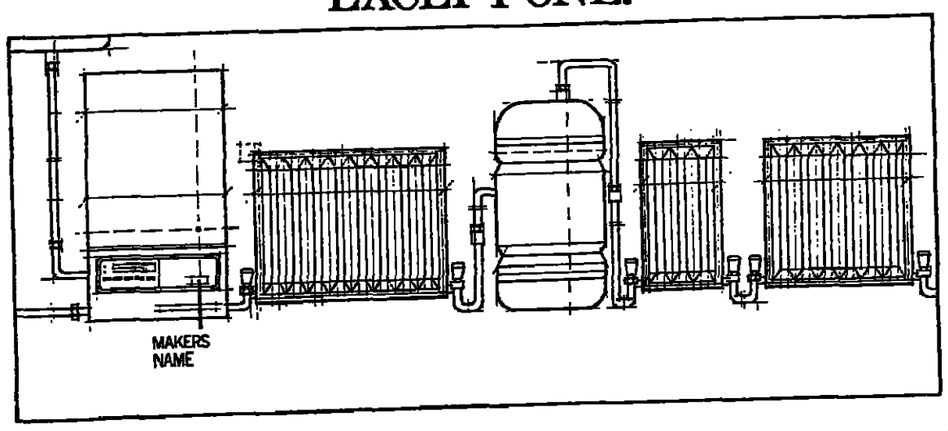
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Coming to a head

Max Reinhardt, the chairman of Bodley Head, told me last night that he would resign if Graham Greene carried out his implied threat to seek another publisher. Greene, writing to *The Times* in response to my story that Virago was seeking to withdraw from the Chatto, Bodley Head and Jonathan Cape consortium, said his nephew, Graham Carleton Greene, the group's joint chairman, was living "in a fantasy world" if he did not see a need for administrative changes. Reinhardt, however, denied reports that he was already about to offer his resignation. Ewan Cameron, Bodley's former PR chief who resigned last summer following the strengthening of its ties with the consortium, told me he had feared then the loss of its "particular atmosphere and style". Graham Greene would not be the first big name author to leave the group. Howard Jacobson, who left Chatto to publish his last novel with Bantam, confided that he had found in Chatto's MD, Carmen Callil, "the headmistress he had hoped never to have".

● **Chatto author P.J. Kavanagh tells me the members of staff worst affected by the creation of the mega-publishing house are its telephone operators: "They now have to recite a little litany when they answer the phone".**

Non-person

Poor Denis Healey — no one seems to know who he is. President Reagan didn't, and, even *more worrying*, the Kremlin seemed unfamiliar with him during his visit to Moscow in October 1984 when — as Labour deputy leader — he accompanied Neil Kinnock for his encounter with Gorbachov's predecessor, Chernenko. Minutes before the two visitors were ushered in, Chernenko was heard to ask his aide, Boris Ponomaryov, for a last-minute briefing on the two Labour chiefs. Two foreign correspondents overheard Chernenko's reaction to the name "Healey": "Healey Healey, who's he?" Not too good for the man who wants to be Labour's Gromyko.

Rabbiting on

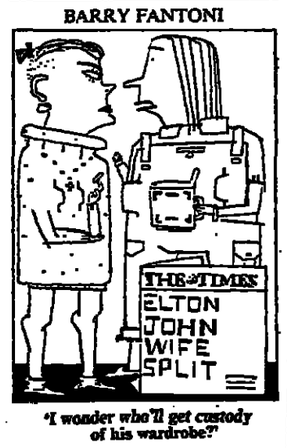
It is getting as difficult to write a column without using the word "election" as it is without the word "Aids". Three further symptoms of election fever have reached me. Though they last held one only in November, the Tories have summoned candidates to a conference in Birmingham next month for a further pre-hustings grooming. Meanwhile my Walworth Road spies tell me that Labour's media chiefs, fearful of further "loony left" gaffes, have written to local council leaders asking them to clear with them future TV appearances. Liberal agents meanwhile are attending briefing seminars in which they take a candidate called Wally Windbag to victory in the constituency of Watership Down.

● **Latest bid for titular dignity in America: the rubbish men are calling themselves "garbologists".**

Rising glass

Roy Jenkins does not merely keep a weather eye on the political climate; I learn that every day he makes a note in his diary of how the elements are performing. With polls putting the Alliance in second place and trees swept down at the weekend, was there any doubt in his mind which way the the wind was blowing, I asked him. "I'm not sure I can equate the weather with personal fortunes," the Chancellor-in-waiting replied frostily.

BARRY FANTONI



"I wonder who'll get custody of his wardrobe?"

Ivy league

The Friends of Highgate Cemetery, a charity devoted to the upkeep of the north London burial ground which contains Karl Marx's grave, is beset by the latest in a series of feuds. In a small ad in *The Times* on Saturday, Ian Dawe, who is standing against the present chairman, Jean Pateman, this autumn, claimed that moves were afoot to expel him and appealed for support. A member of the society told me Dawe's real offence is openly to criticize the society — "doing what others would like to do." I am told that Dawe and Mrs Pateman had clashed over visits to the cemetery — he favours a leisurely stroll; she a brisk inspection — and her alleged enthusiasm for ivy. Mrs Pateman yesterday denied that she was out to expel him. "My hand extended to feed him has been promptly bitten," she said.

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R.W. Johnson believes the stock market punters banking on a third Thatcher term might be backing the wrong horse

Why the Tories could still be unseated

Vast sums of money have been put at risk in the past few months by investors who take another Tory election victory for granted. In fact it is no more than a speculative gamble. Not that a Labour majority government is anywhere in sight. The real threat to a Tory victory, as the polls indicate and ministers are well aware, is the Alliance.

With even a 38-33-27 per cent division of the vote, the Tory overall majority, on uniform swing assumptions, would fall to only four seats. On the latest indications, the Alliance vote could well exceed 30 per cent, and there is no certainty that the swing in vulnerable Tory seats in the south would be uniform.

There is, moreover, no easy way for the Tories to prevent this happening. The more they make the Alliance their principal target, the more they build it up as a national alternative — and the Alliance thrives on extra exposure. But if the Tories concentrate their attacks on Labour they could also be helping the Alliance. In the south, Labour votes would go to the Alliance while remaining numerous enough to win seats in Wales, Scotland and the north; the danger that an Alliance vote could help put Labour in would disappear and Tory floaters could defect to the Alliance without fear. Tactical anti-Tory voting would becomes the rule, and in such circumstances an overall Alliance majority could not be ruled out.

The stock market punter should realize also that he is taking several very long-odds bets. No British prime minister has ever before done what Mrs Thatcher is now aiming to do — win three successive elections without the help of another party. Not impossible, but it would be betting against hundreds of years of history.

Secondly, it has become an iron law of British politics that the Liberals/Alliance always gain ground when running against a Tory government. From 2.5 per cent in 1951 the Liberals rose to 2.7 per cent in 1955, to 5.9 per cent in 1959 and to 11.2 per cent in 1964. By the time the Tories returned to office in 1970 the Liberals had sunk back to 7.5 per cent, but improved this to 19.3 per cent in February 1974. Another period of Labour rule then pushed them down to 13.8 per cent in 1979, from which base the Alliance rose to 25.4 per cent in 1983.

On this showing, it would be fairly remarkable if the Alliance does not make a further advance this time — and it is difficult to see how this can happen without it either overtaking Labour (with the results above) or stealing enough votes from the Tories to make Labour the biggest party. Again, this may not happen, but here too the punter is being asked to bet against a lot of history.

Thirdly, the Tories, despite a lengthy recovery and a give-away budget, are now sitting at only 37-38 per cent in the polls. No Tory government in history has ever been returned on so low a vote; nor have the Tories ever won an election when pre-election polls have shown them losing as much as 4-5 per cent from their previous electoral performance. Again, a lot of history to bet against.

Finally, the Tories have lost ground in the last month of all four recent general election campaigns — falling by 3.2 per cent in February 1974; by 1.2 per cent in October 1974; by 6.1 per cent in 1979; and by 6.6 per cent in 1983. Punters might reflect that, starting from a Tory base of only 37-38 per cent this time, any slippage at all would be fatal to Mrs Thatcher.

Most commentators — and stock market analysts — have thus got it wrong. With the Tories in fact boxed into a rather uncomfortable corner, canny punters should not only be hedging their bets but should be thinking hard about whether the markets might not lose their nerve if the government backs away from a June election.

The conventional view that the May local elections will be the surest guide to a June decision also looks distinctly dodgy. For the fact is that these elections have not, in recent times, been a very good indicator of national trends. Thus the 1979 local elections — held on the same day as the general election — saw Labour make large gains in the metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas just as the national pendulum was swinging the other way. Similarly, the May 1983 local elections saw Labour seats increase and both Tory and Alliance seats fall, while a month later the national trends were in exactly the opposite direction.

Moreover, the local elections could give directly misleading pointers to the most important question of all: how the anti-Tory vote is breaking between Labour and Alliance. Despite all the hooha over the "loonies", Labour is well dug in at local government level and the Alliance, generally, can make only isolated dents in its position. Further, the small size of council wards, and voters' ignorance of the party balance in any one, reducing the scope for tactical voting to almost nil. These factors mean that in May Labour will do far better than the Alliance, without giving much clue on how the same voters would divide in a general election. Who believes that Labour's strong municipal position can be translated into defeat for David Owen at Plymouth or keep Shirley Williams out of Cambridge?

Against all that, two other factors must be weighed. The first is the peculiarly one-way conception of tactical voting apparently held by Alliance voters. This was first witnessed in 1983 when the Alliance appealed for a tactical vote and somehow persuaded many electors to vote anti-tactically, switching their support from second-placed Labour candidates to third-placed Alliance. This notion that tactical voting *always* means supporting the Alliance has been witnessed in every by-election of this parliament. If the pattern is repeated, the Tories will hold many seats they should theoretically lose.

The second imponderable is the Budget strategy. Nigel Lawson was ultra-cautious in keeping the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement at £4 billion, but the belated announcement that he was to raise another £1 billion by selling the state holding in British Petroleum *actually* means a PSBR closer to £3 billion. This gives him a lot in hand for another reflationary package for the autumn if the Tories feel they need to buy more votes in a hurry.

Meanwhile, despite the reservations of some of his colleagues, Norman Tebbit has directed a fresh fusillade against the Alliance, replete with videos suggesting that David Steel was somehow responsible for the "winter of discontent", in an attempt to depict it as the objective ally of Labour radicalism, or even, as Mrs Thatcher repeatedly argues, as a form of quasi-socialism.

The criticism to which the Alliance is more vulnerable is just the opposite — that it is, in a strict sense, the most conservative of all the parties. Thus the Alliance opposed the privatization of British Gas and British Telecom — but would keep them private. Similarly, it opposed Lawson's income tax cuts — but pledged not to undo *them*. On issue after issue the Alliance is in favour of the status quo, whatever it is, however it was reached, and regardless of whether the Alliance originally supported or opposed the measure concerned. Doubtless, if Labour renationalized British Gas and Telecom, the Alliance would be in favour. It doesn't seem much to matter who moves the fence or where they move it to — the Alliance will still sit on it.

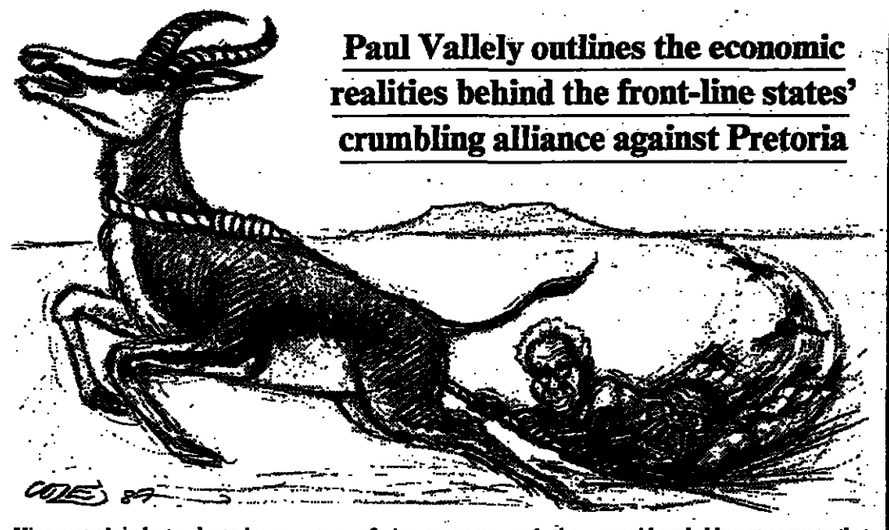
There is, indeed, a quite remarkable plasticity about Alliance policy, as we saw when Mrs Williams went into the Crosby by-election opposed to private education, changed her mind in midstream and then campaigned in favour of it. In any other party this would have caused a rumpus: in the Alliance not a ripple.

In the face of plasticity such as this, one may doubt the efficacy of the Thatcher-Tebbit assault but it is still the best alternative the Tories have. To feel at all secure they have to halt the Alliance surge, and they have to push their own poll ratings on to a steady plateau above 40 per cent. Unless they can do both those things, and despite Lawson's unwonted generosity towards the bookies, punters might be well advised to forsake the racecourse long enough to put a small bet against the Tories in this still wide-open election.

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Fighting shy of sanctions

Paul Vallely outlines the economic realities behind the front-line states' crumbling alliance against Pretoria



Zambia's decision last August to stop exporting its copper through South Africa was not the start of sanctions; it was simply a sensible economic realignment, its minister of mines said recently. South Africa's response, and to the sanctions package agreed at the same time by African leaders at the Commonwealth mini-summit in London, was to delay Zambia-bound road and rail traffic; but that was not retaliation, said Pretoria, merely the imposition of sensible customs regulations.

For all the rhetoric and posturing, South Africa's black neighbours seem decidedly reluctant to impose sanctions. It is now three *months since the last of Robert* Mugabe's deadlines expired; the only word from Harare is that sanctions will be implemented "very soon".

Hardliners insist that sanctions only await a strategy by the front-line states. This will depend largely on the scheduled completion in May of the first phase of rehabilitating the railway to the Mozambique port of Beira, though only in 1990, at the end of the second phase, will it be able to handle the 3.5 million tons of Zimbabwe's annual trade. Other observers maintain that since the black nations worked out the actual cost of switching the freight that now goes through South Africa they have developed cold feet. What is certain is that the consensus on sanctions has crumbled.

On visits this month to Zambia and Zimbabwe, President Chissano of Mozambique told Kenneth Kaunda and Robert Mugabe that they could count Mozambique out of any sanctions plan. Botswana had long ago excused itself on the grounds that its economy was inextricably entwined with that of its immediate white neighbour. Angola, at war with the South African and US-backed Unita rebels, had never been in a position to do much. Malawi, the only front-line country to maintain full diplomatic relations with Pretoria, has long been written off as a client state. Swaziland and Lesotho, like Botswana, are economically dependent on South Africa. That leaves only Zambia and Zimbabwe.

President Chissano's decision could hardly have surprised Kaunda and Mugabe. Mozambique, which provides the only alternative route to the sea, has for the past five years been the main target of South African destabilization and would be highly vulnerable to economic pressure. South Africa provides its two main sources of income — transshipment fees for goods exported via Maputo and the cash earned by migrant workers in South African mines.

Mozambique has been weakened on these two fronts already. The number of migrant miners has been halved and the proportion of their wages paid directly to the Maputo government fell from $75 million in 1983 to $50 million in 1985. The value of goods exported through Maputo is now only one third of that in 1980.

Chissano has to grin and bear it. That $50 million in remittances represents more than half Mozambique's hard-currency income. His country's industry depends on South Africa for 60 per cent of its raw materials and components. Even the electricity in his capital comes from South Africa.

Despite the best endeavours of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), which was set up to lessen the reliance of the black states on South Africa, four have recently increased electricity purchases; since 1980 overall trade volumes have actually increased, partly because of guerrilla activity in Mozambique and the big discounts offered by South Africa on rail, port and shipping charges. In 1984 Zimbabwe sent only 51 per cent of its foreign trade through South Africa; today the figure is nearer 90 per cent.

"There is no doubt that the front-line states have played the sanctions issue rather badly," said one European diplomat in Lusaka. "If they don't set an example they will lose face, but it seems unlikely now that they can."

It is generally accepted by western observers in the region that at the Commonwealth summit in London most of the African leaders were unprepared for the decision which they sprang upon themselves. One Harare-based diplomat said: "They just hadn't costed it. Civil servants here were horrified when they heard what Mugabe was saying. They knew that wide-ranging sanctions would reduce Zimbabwe to a subsistence economy."

The package of measures which the African leaders accepted at the conference was, in the event, less dramatic. Even so, the agreed boycott of South African iron, steel and coal and the severance of air links would cost the black states dear. The banned materials constitute some 17 per cent of Zimbabwe's imports. It would cost Zambia, in a relatively stronger position, an estimated $200 million more to buy elsewhere. Stopping the 120 flights which every week link seven of the SADCC countries to Johannesburg would lose the loss-making Zambia Airways, for example, about 30 per cent of its revenue and its most profitable route.

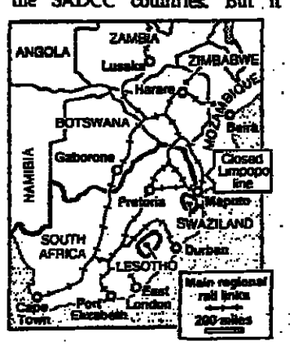
Some Zambian businessmen have been exploring alternative sources for industrial components but are hampered by the chaotic state of the economy and the severe shortage of foreign exchange. The managing director of one international firm told me: "Hard currency can be tied up for two or three months getting stuff in from Japan or Europe through the inefficient railway from Tanzania. We have had to switch back to buying from South Africa, which takes only a few days."

Even the Zambian government has acknowledged that reality. Some months ago it inserted a clause into import licences banning the use of South African routes; now the clause has been withdrawn for some vital industries. The state-owned mining company, for example, continues to buy $600,000 worth of spares from South Africa every week.

More significant than the immediate problems is the uncertainty over the possible South African response. "Contingency plans? We haven't got any," said one Zambian official in a moment of private frankness. "How can we make contingency plans? There are hundreds of options for South Africa. How can we prepare for them all?"

Diplomats in the front line states predict a three-phase reaction by Pretoria. "First they would just slow down imports and exports as a kind of warning," said one. "Then they would probably increase pressure on Mozambique and Botswana. In the final resort they would just close the border."

The final stage would be a desperate remedy for Pretoria, which earns a significant amount in hard currency from trade with the SADCC countries. But it would probably not come to that. Many observers believe that the pressure it could exert on Mozambique, and indirectly on those countries whose trade passes through Durban and Cape Town, would suffice.



A document prepared by the United Nations Development Programme in Maputo outlines a possible UN aid package to cushion the blow of pressure on Mozambique. Substantial funds would be spent on creating jobs for returning migrants, rehabilitating strategic industries and expanding agricultural and irrigation schemes. It would also allocate discretionary funds for a swift and flexible response to any South African aggression. It also says that "serious consideration must be given to the security factor".

President Chissano, however, clearly feels that the prospect of UN military help is unrealistic as well as undesirable and is set on following the policy of his predecessor, the late Samora Machel. He has announced his commitment to stick to the Nkomati Accord, his country's good neighbour agreement with Pretoria — whatever backdoor violations South Africa might approve — and to continue to appeal to the goodwill of the West.

Mugabe and Kaunda, however, remain firmly committed to the notion of sanctions and it may well prove impossible for them to lose face by backing down entirely, whatever the prudence of counsels from their cabinet colleagues and economic advisers. The severance of air links, on which Kaunda laid greatest stress in a recent interview with *The Times*, seems the most likely gesture.

If that is what sanctions boil down to then much will depend on the timing. "If they wait until after the South African election in May there will probably be no response at all," said one South African businessman. "But if they do it before, then Botha might well go off bang."

However, given the current disturbance to South Africa's political equilibrium and the strength of the moral indignation which motivates Mugabe and Kaunda, a wild card response from either side can never be completely discounted.

Graham Zellick

Lawyers with no real case

The deficiencies and anomalies in the role of the Attorney-General, revealed in the recent Peter Wright action in Australia, are not primarily the result of particular personalities or the ethos of a particular government. What the case illustrates is the fundamental incongruity of the office — an office that is today neither necessary nor tenable.

The Attorney-General is, first, the government's chief legal adviser, furnishing expert advice to officials, ministers and the Cabinet. As a minister himself, he plays a front-bench role in government legislation and legal administration and policy. But he he is also required to distance himself from ministerial and party political considerations and perform a quasi-judicial role in relation to certain civil litigation in which a view of the public interest has to be taken and applied.

Finally, there is his role in relation to criminal prosecutions, which has been extended as a result of the creation last year of the Crown Prosecution Service, over which the Attorney-General has general "superintendence". Again, in exercising these powers, he is required to set aside his party political perspectives.

In no other area does the government seek its technical advice from experts who are ministers. The chief medical officer in the DHSS and the chief scientists in the Ministry of Defence and the Cabinet Office, for example, are officials and not ministers. Moreover, there is already a formidable army of lawyers in the government service. The larger departments have their own legal advisers and departments; the Treasury Solicitor is *the government's in-house* solicitors' office. In addition, the government has access to the Bar, some of whose members serve as Treasury counsel.

Since the best members of the Bar rarely go into politics these days, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find lawyer-MPs of the appropriate experience and ability to occupy the posts of Attorney-General and his Law Officer colleague, the Solicitor-General. It inevitably means that the quality *of their advice is unlikely to match* that of lawyers in private practice or even government service. Ten years ago, Lord Shawcross, a distinguished former Attorney-General, advocated the appointment of the Law Officers from outside the ranks of MPs.

In short, without the Attorney-General the government would have much greater flexibility in seeking legal advice. It would be no less well served than at present.

The Law Officers promote no legislation of their own. Nor are they responsible either for the law or the legal system, civil or criminal. They do answer for the Lord Chancellor, who has no junior minister of his own in the Commons; but this could be remedied through a thorough reorganization of ministerial responsibility for the law and the legal system. With regard to civil litigation, where the Attorney-General acts not as a member of the government but as an independent public officer, there is little confidence today that he really can perform these two distinct roles credibly, however hard he tries. It *is not always* clear in what capacity he is acting.

In the Wright case, the Attorney-General as plaintiff was presumably acting for the government, though it is arguable that he was merely representing the public interest, which on this occasion just happened to coincide with the government's interest. In GCHQ, it was clearly a government case, and the public interest, in so far as it may have differed, went unrepresented and unargued. In the *Crossman Diaries* case, the Attorney-General moved for an injunction based on the public interest; it was not a government action, but the public is unlikely to have grasped the distinction.

Hence the argument, developed by Lord Justice Woolf, for a new office of Director of Civil Proceedings, or Professor John Griffith's call for an Advocate-General on European lines. It is not given to ministers alone to interpret the public interest and speak for the public, and a new office, held by a lawyer of undoubted excellence and distinction, would command public confidence and respect.

It is perhaps the Attorney-General's role in relation to criminal prosecutions that is most questionable. That the mighty engine of the criminal process should be wheeled out against an individual by a minister of the crown is objectionable. If it is said that the Attorney-General does not perform this role in his capacity as a minister, then it must *be asked why the power should* rest with a minister at all.

All prosecuting discretion should lie with the Director of Public Prosecutions and the involvement, real or nominal, of the Attorney-General or of any minister should be ended. Accountability to Parliament can be secured, indirectly but effectively, through a select committee.

Of the four categories into which the Attorney-General's duties may be divided, the first two — as chief legal adviser and as departmental minister — are unnecessary; the third — as guardian of the public interest in connection with civil litigation — is unhappily exercised by a minister and would be far better entrusted to a new official; and the fourth — as overall head of the system of public prosecutions — is constitutionally objectionable in principle and in practice could be wholly transferred to the DPP.

There is no need and no future for an Attorney-General or Solicitor-General. Abolition of their posts and department would also save public money, and on that ground alone should commend itself to the Prime Minister.

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Body non-politic — that's me

Election fever is gripping Britain, apparently, but so far I have not come out in a single spot. Admittedly, I do seem to be rather outside the main stream of events. I failed to buy into British Gas because I missed the advertising campaign (they may have told Sid, but they never told me), and mine is the only household in the country to which nobody thought it worthwhile to despatch an Aids leaflet, the ramifications of which I am disinclined to ponder.

But I read *The Times*, and it would appear that the body temperature of your average citizen rises by the day, the brows of otherwise perfectly temperate individuals breaking *out into a* prickly sweat at the mere mention of the word "election". Possibly those directly involved in party politics betray their feverish intoxication with telltale foam flecking the corners of their mouths. I, however, remain calm, for the fact is I'm not terribly good at elections; voting may appear to be a thoroughly straightforward thing to do but I never really got the hang of it.

The first trouble is all those party political broadcasts, each propounding a contrary viewpoint, and all contriving to be equally plausible. Talk of a three-horse race merely inclines me to back the favourite, while "tactical voting" sounds far too sophisticated: it takes all the tactics I can muster to locate the right dingy church hall or primary school to cast a vote at all. Which reminds me of the last time.

I ploughed through the drizzle, overburdened by my duty to vote and having almost decided to vote for the party I had always voted for; *almost*, for I was not entirely happy with its recent record: indeed, friends had suggested, quite passionately, that I couldn't decently vote for *that lot*, could I? And a vote for the other lot hardly seemed worthwhile.

A withered old man sporting a bright blue satin rosette looked so thoroughly moistened by the rain and generally pretty overburdened himself that I was glad to assure him that his party would have my full support. He perked up a little. Just inside the deeply depressing polling station there was a big, fierce lady in tweed wearing a red rosette and, yes, I pledged her my allegiance too. The Alliance person was busy making Cup-a-Soup, and was thereby spared my enthusiastic commitment.

The horrible room smelled, as usual, of greens and chalk. I intoned my surname, Christian name and full address to a bored man at a trestle table, who issued me with a stamped ballot paper bearing a unique serial number; it seemed a lot of trouble to go to simply to ensure a secret vote, but these political types do take things so *seriously*.

Right, I thought, the worst is over — just nip into the tea chest that serves as a booth, a quick X, ram it into the funereal biscuit tin and off out again, aglow with the good feeling of a democratic right well exercised.

The trouble was that the ballot paper bore a catalogue of names — not only names tending to "Rowbotham", but also at least three Browns. I dithered a bit, and then pulled myself together; here was the time for decision. I came down firmly on the side of spoiling my ballot paper, and was perhaps over-zealous with the charcoal pencil, for the point pinged off.

I cowered in my crate for a bit, and then took the broken pencil to the chap at the trestle table. Or rather, tried to. The damn thing, I quickly discovered, was attached to the row of packing cases with a length of raffia; the whole driftwood edifice threatened to collapse and a collective roar of democratic protest rose up from within.

I voted eventually — whether for Shirley Temple or Vlad the Impaler I really couldn't tell you, I was so rattled at the time. I waved at all the canvassers, even pressed the hand of a candidate or two, and raced home for the real business of election day: the famous politicians and pundits on TV who for five hours refuse to conjecture until that spine-tingling moment when the first Mr Returning Officer mounts the podium and you watch with bated breath to see whether he will get through his mind-numbing speech before succumbing to death from natural causes. Compulsive viewing — it gets my vote every time.

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FIASCO IN WASHINGTON

Mr Kinnock could never have expected to win many friends or influence any people at the White House. At no stage before or during his close encounter in the Oval Office, could he have thought that he would earn the president's sympathy with his eloquence.

What Mr Kinnock must have hoped for was a meeting full of colour — but no incident. He needed the president not just to listen, but to be seen to be listening. He sought not so much an endorsement of Labour policy, as an understanding of it. He wanted the president and his men to accept it as a reasonable position — and to accept him as a reasonable man. With that veteran of transatlantic dialogue, Mr Healey, at his side, he went to Washington, feeling confident at least that they might put their point across with force and logic.

Until his White House meeting, it looked as if the mission might go down in political history as a plus. Mr Kinnock made a well-received speech on economics, met a selection of Congressmen and, while not actually winning many converts, was at least doing what might be expected of a potential prime minister abroad. His international profile was being raised.

But the final verdict depended heavily on the evidence of that hearing in the White House. There too, for a time, it looked promising for the Labour leaders, with the President and a full turn-out of senior ministers to meet him and listen to his case. Even when they emerged, it seemed by most accounts as if all had gone tolerably well. While acknowledging that their hosts had not agreed with them, they were not apparently disheartened by the reception they had had. It was only when the White House spokesman gave the other side's version of events, that the rug beneath their feet was abruptly pulled. So what went wrong?

The Labour leaders' ground was shaky anyway. They were representing a defence policy which sought not simply to scrap Britain's own nuclear deterrent but to remove all American nuclear weapons too from British soil. This policy has been modified by Mr Kinnock, to allow sufficient time for the present negotiations involving cruise missiles to reach an agreement first. But there could be little doubt in American minds as to where Labour sympathies lie. At a time when the United States is very sensitive to signs of anti-Americanism abroad, the administration could hardly be expected to view the Labour Party as anything but an unfortunate alternative to the present Government in Britain.

Whether the president himself said all the things which his spokesman later said for him — and in the manner that the spokesman chose to put them — is almost an irrelevance. What was put out by the White House presumably represented what the president thought — or what was at least official thinking. Whether the Labour leaders' gentler version of the meeting had earlier misrepresented what took place, is equally not of the first importance. Politicians are apt to put their own gloss on events. What really matters is that the US administration in the end showed its opposition to Labour's defence policy in more forthright style than its visitors had feared or expected.

Nobody comes out of it very well. President Reagan's confusion between Mr Healey and the British ambassador Sir Antony Acland, his dependance on cue cards to prompt him in discussion and the argument over how long the meeting lasted, have helped to turn high drama into farce.

The Labour leadership, humiliated by the turn of events, is now trying to move on to the offensive against the White House. But it is hard to see how this can help its long-term interests — or damage those of the president very much more. The impression one is left with at the end is that Mr Kinnock's policies have been rejected by Britain's most important ally — which has managed to make its opinion of him quite clear.

For the United States to interfere openly in British politics would obviously be unwise. But it can hardly fail to have a view about which party it would like to see in power here. Defence policy is an area which impinges on the interests of the United States and Nato. Washington could hardly be expected to approve of a policy which it sees might work to the detriment of both. Nor, as Mr Weinberger apparently hinted, can one expect it to believe that funds saved by the cancellation of the Trident programme would be diverted by a Labour Government to strengthen conventional forces.

Given these considerations it is hardly surprising that the White House did not shy away from making its own views plain. "Dirty tricks" is a tendentious phrase which does not necessarily reflect what has taken place in Washington. What happened there was that the administration, worried by any prospect of a British Government which sought to reverse the policies of nearly 40 years, deployed its big guns to answer back — in a manner which it thought might be permissible. Mr Kinnock has got his come-uppance in the process and one wonders if he should ever have expected less.

CHINA'S ECONOMIC AMBIGUITIES

The budget introduced by the Chinese Finance Minister at last week's meeting of the National People's Congress in Peking offered an ambiguous response to the economic problems facing China today. It called for restraint and control, while envisaging also a moderate increase in the budget deficit and a doubling of the country's foreign borrowing. Such ambiguity leaves China's future economic direction less than clear.

The past two years have seen China starting to pay the price for the rapid economic growth after 1978. The lifting of many restrictions on small-scale private enterprise revived the rural economy. China became self-sufficient in grain and raised living standards in many areas of the countryside. There was a mood of optimism in Peking and beyond.

Through 1985 the mood began to change. Decentralization became synonymous with indiscipline. Local officials, relieved of some of their obligations to the central economy, established small empires of their own. Foreign currency was spent before it had been earned. Prestige projects took precedence over necessities like housing. Prices rose and corruption spread.

China exhibited some of the less savoury characteristics of fast-growing economies in Asia and elsewhere. The diagnosis offered by the Finance Minister last week filled out the picture for 1986. There was a 16 per cent fall in tax revenue, despite a nearly 10 per cent increase in sales (suggesting fraud rather than recession). A 16 per cent increase in average earnings contrasted with a rise in productivity of only four per cent, and inflation, while officially admitted to be six per cent, was probably running at a rate nearly double that.

The combination of more control over local spending with an increase in spending at the centre is a classical — but probably ineffectual — approach to these problems. The local authorities are unlikely to relinquish easily the relative freedom they have enjoyed in recent years. Their reaction to an effective halving of their investment subsidies from Peking will doubtless be to circumvent the restrictions by any means they can devise.

The effectiveness of the other budget measures — an overall spending cut of 10 per cent, a freeze on government investment and an edict to state enterprises to reduce their losses by a third — will be apparent only at the end of the year. In the countryside, the plan to halt the drift away from grain production by imposing a levy on land used for any other crop may not yield much more money — or more grain — given the incidence of tax evasion disclosed for last year.

In China's present uncertain circumstances, however, the economic calculations behind the budget are perhaps less important than the political signals it sends. The argument for continued decentralization and a further increase in the role of the market has not yet been won. A reverse is still possible.

Last week's budget was dubbed an "austerity" programme. For Chinese who remember the years of civil war and the countryside during the Great Leap Forward, austerity is perhaps not quite the right word. But talk of austerity and cutting back will hardly be welcomed by people who have gradually been weaned off the idea that egalitarianism was an ideal and equal meant equally poor.

The "austerity" budget will send signals abroad, too — for those who are prepared to heed them. The last time the Chinese reduced their spending they began by cancelling (or not pursuing) trade agreements with Western companies, sometimes at a very late stage. The number of firms which have, despite this experience, renewed their commitment to trade with China, testifies to the enthusiasm in the West for the potential market there. It is to be hoped the Chinese commitment is as steady.

A BULLYING TOO FAR

Soldiers have been bullied for as long as there have been armies. The recent series of allegations involving junior regiments has followed a familiar pattern. One barracks becomes the subject of an inquiry — and then still more graphic examples start pouring in from aggrieved young men elsewhere.

This is not to diminish the seriousness of their complaints. It is to put them in perspective. One difficulty is that the Army thrives on discipline. Military society is inevitably hierarchical, with each tier doing what it is told unquestioningly and at once. NCOs in charge of training, confronted with an intake of assorted British youth, have a comparatively short time in which to instil this — or be penalised themselves. Given a little power and a lot of responsibility, the occasional one goes badly over the top.

"Bullying", and still more so "brutality", can be seen as tendentious words and capable of misinterpretation. Is a 16-year-old boy who is bawled at on a route march being brutalized, bullied — or simply toughened for the career which he has chosen? Army life, though not all of it, tends to be physical and loud — and not for the hypersensitive or shy. What might seem bullying to one boy, might be to another no more than the hurly-burly of communal life which he had largely anticipated anyway.

The corollary of this is that the line between the expected and the unacceptable is not always as clear as it should be. There is a line and the Army by now should know where to draw it. The top levels of the Army, the corporate body as represented at the Ministry of Defence or at command level elsewhere, know very well. So too do most of the NCOs themselves.

But, by failing to ensure that all of them do so, the Army continues to expose itself to damaging crises of confidence which unnecessarily harm its image. Without wishing to prejudge any incident which is still the subject of investigation, one has to ask how it is that officers, in what is supposed to be a paternalistic environment, fail to monitor what is going on around them.

The discipline, the conformity, the shouting and the rough and ready treatment are almost universal characteristics of a military career, which have to be accepted by those who join. They should have no reason, however, to expect physical violence, intimidation or humiliation from their superiors or their equals.

The Army acknowledges this and acts when it hears of any cases. But by that time the damage is often done. Prevention is better than cure and training depots still too often fail to get the message across, or see the danger in time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Easing the tax burden on industry

From Mr James Pilditch

Sir, In recent weeks *The Times* has argued powerfully for research and development. By widespread consent, it is one of a handful of issues of decisive importance to Britain's future prosperity. Sadly, there appears to be scarcely any mention of it — or of most of the other key issues except training — in the Budget.

The impression one gets is that the Treasury believes that if it succeeds in improving the general economic climate (itself a formidable achievement) it has done its job; industrial prosperity will follows.

Should that be the view, it is a simple one. From now on, whatever its political beliefs, the Government's fiscal and tax policies will need to be tailored skilfully to help industry in *particular* as well as in general ways.

The force and scale of global competition affecting every high street in Britain makes this so. Nor is there much doubt that companies in some of our main competitor countries are helped and guided centrally towards market domination.

In the face of this organised onslaught, individual companies need a new kind of targeted help. As an example, it is significant that in the United States even the entrenched anti-trust laws have been relaxed to allow US companies to collaborate in their research, an idea that would have been un-American a decade ago.

In this country, as you have urged, Sir, imaginative policies, to stimulate what Lord Caldecote has called RD & D (research, design and development) are similarly needed. The point I wish to make is that such policies, in this and other key areas, should include tax treatment.

The Government doesn't want to get into the discredited game of trying to pick winners, it is true, but it need not be shy of picking winning *issues*. Nor is it. The Prime Minister's admirable support for design is a good example. Others include the Department of Trade and Industry's schemes for design, quality, advanced manufacturing and now marketing; all first rate.

They show that, at one level, the new needs of industry are, indeed, understood. But, if the Budget is anything to go by, it seems that such sensitivity stops at the Treasury door. Were it to be true, it would be too bad. Evidence from other countries shows that even minor adjustments to tax treatment, if well aimed, can encourage companies to move in better directions.

Put it another way: Government schemes, however excellent, that are not backed up by sympathetic tax arrangements will always be less effective than they could be.

Co-ordinated encouragement is the least that is needed. A more integrated, refined and targeted use of the Budget to follow through Government industrial strategies would be, to say the least, constructive. A benign, macro-economic, financial climate, welcome as it is, meets only half the point.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES PILDITCH,
62 Cadogan Square, SW1.

From Dr Maurice B. Line

Sir, Among all the letters about spending on R & D, one aspect has been overlooked, namely, ensuring that money is not wasted on unnecessary research. This means making use of the resources of scientific and technical literature available, mainly in printed but increasingly also in electronic form.

The UK is at present uniquely well placed in this respect because the British Library's science, technology and industry resources can offer a service which has no peer. The document supply services from Yorkshire and the research collections of scientific, technical, commercial and industrial property material in London exist to serve R & D in the academic, Government and private sectors. However, even these resources are at risk because of shortage of funds; they are now reaching the stage that any further reductions will limit the availability of information for British R & D and hence increase the likelihood of wasted research.

The Japanese got their industry going by making use of published technical information. We need to do the same.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE B. LINE,
Director General (Science, Technology & Industry),
The British Library,
Document Supply Centre,
Boston Spa,
Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

Free access to public sector

From the President of the Royal Town Planning Institute

Sir, Since February local planning authorities have been required to charge higher fees for planning applications. This increase, of approximately 12½ per cent, is to be followed by another of around 10 per cent in July.

The Government has now proposed the introduction of charges for its Ministry of Agriculture advice service to local authorities in respect of planning applications for agricultural development. One cannot help wondering whether we are shortly to see other Government departments and quangos, such as the Department of Transport, the water authorities or English Heritage, charging for their work in this way.

When planning charges were first suggested in 1979 the Royal Town Planning Institute opposed them on principle, observing that they conflicted with the Ombudsman's view of natural justice. The control of development is undertaken on the community's behalf. It is not a private service which should attract individual charges.

When the charge scheme was introduced in April, 1981, the institute's advice was, in the main, ignored. We again called for the abolition of fees in November, 1982.

The RTPI will continue to promote the principle of free access to areas of specialised knowledge in the public sector (except, of course, where confidentiality applies or special services are offered on contract). The spread of general charging policies is an unwarranted erosion of the concept of public service.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DEAN, President,
The Royal Town Planning Institute,
New Walk Centre, Welford Place,
Leicester.

The two reformers

From Mr Robert Jackson, MP for Wantage (Conservative)

Sir, David Watt's reflections (March 20) on the Prime Minister's preparations for her visit to the USSR prompted a thought. Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov might find it interesting to compare notes on something they have in common — their respective projects to reform the societies over which they preside and the obstacles they are facing.

They share a common analysis. Russia and Britain both are old societies whose way of life inhibits flexibility and innovation, with damaging effects on their competitiveness.

Mrs Thatcher would say (correctly) that the key factor is the legacy of early 20th century collectivism which both countries share. Mr Gorbachov would disagree, of course. Nevertheless, he is acting as if he agreed with her: both leaders are attempting to reduce the weight of bureaucracy and expand the role of markets in their societies.

In the process, both run into the same troubles — and Mrs Thatcher, who has been longer in office, may be able to help the Soviet leader to identify them.

Both can draw comfort from the intellectual bankruptcy of the present-day advocates of the settlement they are attempting to revise (in Russia the Stalinists; in Britain the Labour Party). But both must reckon with the disaffection amounting to hostility of the "official" intelligentsia, whose ideological values and personal interests are bound up with the established order (in Britain one thinks of many in the BBC, the universities and schools, and the churches).

Both also face the active resistance of those groups, mostly producer-interests, whose power derives from the institutions of collectivism (in Britain, for example, trade unions and sometimes managements in the public sector, and in the welfare state bureaucracies). Both are also finding that preserving their power base means recognizing certain no-go areas for reform (in Britain, notably the middle-class welfare state).

There are, of course, differences. For instance, Mr Gorbachov hopes to recruit the support of the alienated intellectuals. In contrast, Mrs Thatcher has to rely on populist appeals over the heads of the intelligentsia.

The biggest difference of all, however, is this. Mrs Thatcher's reform programme is subject to regular electoral tests (and victory here confers a legitimacy unavailable to the Soviet leader). Unlike Mr Gorbachov, Mrs Thatcher has to face in public everything that complacency, inertia and vested interest can throw at her.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT JACKSON,
House of Commons.

Science in peril

From Professor T. W. B. Kibble, FRS

Sir, The dire effects of the current crisis at the Science and Engineering Research Council have yet to be fully appreciated.

Mr Kenneth Baker has made an increase in the number of trained scientists and technologists a priority. Many of these valuable young people are now suddenly having their support removed — at least half a dozen in this department alone are actively looking for jobs abroad. This is a tragic and quite unnecessary loss.

Scientific research cannot be turned on and off like a tap. Research workers will not wait for six months for the tap to be turned on again. They will be lost for good.

A few years ago a large department like mine might have been able to use University Grants Committee funds to tide us over the gap, but that is now out of the question. On the contrary, this college faces a larger than average cut in UGC funding and we shall have to reduce our staff yet further.

At a time when the trained manpower we produce is in great demand in British industry, it seems crazy to encourage them to go abroad, especially when the amount of money involved is so small compared with what the Chancellor has just given away.

Can Mr Baker please explain the logic of this policy?

Yours faithfully,
T. W. B. KIBBLE,
Imperial College of Science and Technology,
The Blackett Laboratory,
Prince Consort Road, SW7.

From Mr Jonathan Sayeed, MP for Bristol East (Conservative)

Sir, "Vital high-tech research hit by finding freeze" was the headline in the March 23 *Times*, announcing that for the lack of £100,000 from the Science and Engineering Research Council the Clarendon Laboratory will be unable to investigate the massive potential of ceramic superconductors.

That the potential is enormous is certain. Room temperature superconductivity in ceramics would mean the elimination of heat sinks in computers, a major reduction in the cost of generating and distributing electricity, and the first advance in electrical energy storage since the lead acid cell.

But why does Oxford require the SERC to fund this? Why not GEC, or any other company prominent in the electrical field? The purpose of the reduction in corporation tax from 52 per cent to 35 per cent was not just to increase profitability, but to make investment in plant, training and pure and applied research a worthwhile risk.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN SAYEED,
House of Commons.

Poverty and health

From Mrs Mary Walker

Sir, My grandmother was left a widow in her thirties, with nine children to bring up, as well as to carry on her late husband's work. In Victorian and Edwardian times the family would have been considered poor and their childhood meals were filled with bread and potatoes — something they all loved to the end of their days. I think it was usual to have meat only on Sundays.

My grandmother was almost 80 when she died, and out of the nine children, most lived to their 80s plus. My own mother, the eighth of the nine, died at 88; one sister was 99 when she died, and the longest-living, who was the fourth of the nine, has only just died in November, 1986, aged 105. So much for poor living being bad for the health (report, March 25).

Yours etc,
MARY WALKER,
21 Hasker Street, Chelsea, SW3.

Cutting corners

From Mr John Earl

Sir, Last night on television, and now this morning (Diary, March 25) . . . twice in 12 hours, a mind-boggling reference to "the four corners of the globe".

What does it mean — some variant form of squaring the circle, or is the flat earth society about to resurface?

Yours curiously,
JOHN EARL,
Abney Cottage, Hedsor Road,
Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.

Sum total

From Mr J.R. Rudling

Sir, With reference to today's letter from Mr Alan Moore (March 25), anyone who works only 1,083 hours in a year, or even 1,265, would be well advised to keep quiet about it.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN R. RUDLING,
17 Linacre Road,
Eccleshall, Staffordshire.

MEPs' lifestyle

From the Secretary of the British Labour Group, European Parliament

Sir, Your Spectrum article on the European Parliament and the lifestyle and work of its members (March 20) refers to "the birthday junket to Rome" and states that it was " pounced on" by Sir Henry Plumb. This is not so.

The matter was first raised in the Bureau of the Parliament by our colleague, Tom Megahy, vice-president, who moved that there was no need for the parliament, or its committees, to visit Rome to mark the 30th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. Sir Henry supported Mr Megahy in one aspect of this motion.

Much more interesting was the outcome of this vote. It came to the floor of the parliament and, as the recorded vote shows, 35 British Tories, out of a possible 45, attended and voted. 15 voted for the visit: nine voted against and six abstained. All 31 Labour MEPs attended and voted against the visit.

The cost of the visit to Tanzania was queried by my colleagues John Tomlinson and David Martin and an investigation into this and related matters is under way.

It is not true, either, to say that moves made by the leader of this group, Alf Lomas, to cut down expenses had not met with success. Mr Lomas successfully cut down the numbers of interpreters and staff travelling with the delegation for which he was responsible. His conduct was not on a par with that of Sir James Scott Hopkins.

In short — British Labour members since 1979 have been at the forefront of criticising unjustifiable expenditure of this parliament. We are glad to have now the support in some of this of Sir Henry Plumb.

Yours sincerely,
JANEY BUCHAN, Secretary,
British Labour Group,
European Parliament,
2 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
March 20.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 30 1869

The annual review of the Volunteers on Easter Monday brought 16,000 troops to Dover, with bands playing "in all directions". Hurricane force winds, with sleet and rain, caused the naval training ship Ferret to break from her moorings and be dashed against the pier wall. All 86 boys were rescued before the Ferret disintegrated.

THE EASTER REVIEW AT DOVER.

LOSS OF HER MAJESTY'S SHIP FERRET.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

...With praiseworthy obedience to orders many of the regiments marched to their prescribed stations, indicated by notice-boards set up facing the houses on the Esplanade, but on reaching the places so assigned they found themselves exposed not only to the driving snow but to columns of spray from the waves as they broke upon the beach. . . A hasty military council was held of all the commanders of brigades who could be got together and it was determined to submit to what then looked like necessity, and to abandon the review altogether. With the double object, however, of collecting the men for the return journey, and of taking advantage of a gleam of fine weather, if any such should present itself, it was announced that the Volunteers were to reassemble at 3 o'clock, and to march past the commanding officer, weather permitting. Meanwhile the men were dismissed, and left to their own resources. No sooner was the word given than the regiments, red, green, and gray resolved themselves into their original elements. Not even the Ferret went more suddenly and completely to pieces than did the solid military array of a few minutes previously. Every house of entertainment in every part of the town was thronged with applicants for food or shelter. Uniforms were to be seen in all the windows; Dover was literally in the hands of the Volunteers. . . .

In little more than half an hour, however, the weather, though still threatening, moderated, and his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge arrived at the Lord Warden Hotel. With the Commander-in-Chief came his Royal Highness Prince Arthur, his Serene Highness Prince Teck, Lord Granville, and a mounted escort. They had ridden across from Walmer Castle, encountering the storm on their way, and the first inquiry of the Duke was as to the cause of the scene which met his eyes — Volunteers not under arms or in formation, but wandering about in all directions. Explanations were offered. . . The Duke, however, was plainly of opinion that the Review ought not to be postponed . . . and he issued peremptory instructions to his Staff to cause the brigades to be reformed. Doubts were not unnaturally expressed by some of the commanding officers, and even by General Lindsay himself, as to the feasibility of getting the men together again. "Nonsense", was the Duke's reply. "Sound the Assembly at once, and let the men be marched to the field." . . .

And while mounted officers hurried hither and thither, as well as the crowded state of the streets would permit, the Commander-in-Chief himself cleared the vicinity of the South-Eastern Railway terminus, almost single-handed, sending men right and left to "fall in". . . Moreover, though the Assembly was sounded in front of every hotel, in all the leading thoroughfares, and almost at every street corner there were reasons — or at least excuses — for its not being obeyed with alacrity in all cases. Many had been wet through, or nearly so, and it calls for an effort, even on the part of strong-minded men, to struggle into damp boots or coats again at a moment's notice. Many had food and drink before them when the bugles began; some had actually left the town, or made other arrangements for the day; while, of course, there was a proportion — though happily a small one — of men who flatly avowed that they "felt themselves very comfortable, and did not mean to stir". . . .

. . . It is to the credit of the force, as military men cheerfully admitted, that within two hours and a half from the time the Duke of Cambridge issued his orders at the Lord Warden, the head of the column — not taken indiscriminately in the order of arrival, but arranged as nearly as possible in accordance with the original distribution in the War-Office returns — marched past the flag-staff in rear of the Castle-hill Fort, two miles and upwards away from the town . . .

Grannies' myth

From Mrs M. A. Clayton

Sir, Having recently become a grandmother and consequently becoming aware of current children's literature, I am appalled to find that in one popular series of books for small children, about a certain postman, Grannie is depicted as a little old lady in shawl and spectacles, her hair in a tight bun and knitting in her mittened hands — a stereotype which no modern child would recognise.

Troisième age we may be, but most of the grandmothers I know wear track suits and are engaged in a variety of activities, from swimming and mountaineering to studying for an Open University degree. Many are still vigorously pursuing their careers.

Sir, is not this the grandmother of an example of blatant grannie discrimination?

Yours faithfully,
ANN CLAYTON
Ashford House, Little Hadham,
Ware, Hertfordshire.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 28: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Olympic Association, this afternoon attended a Seminar at The Compleat Angler, Marlow-on-Thames.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Association (Mr Charles Palmer).

Birthdays today

Sir Robert Armstrong, Cabinet Secretary, 60; Mr Warren Beatty, actor, 50; Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Supreme Court, 57; Miss Joyce Carey, actress, 89; Mr Eric Clapton, guitarist, 42; Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich, former director, Warburg Institute, 78; Mr Rolf Harris, entertainer, 57; Mr I.C. MacLaurin, chairman, Tesco, 50; Lord Rayner, chairman, Marks and Spencer, 61; Sir Peter Scarlett, diplomat, 82; Mr Tom Sharpe, novelist, 59; the Countess of Sutherland, 66; General Sir Richard Trant, 59; Sir John Wells, MP, 62.

Luncheon

HM Circuit Judges

Judge Francis, President of the Council of HM Circuit Judges, presided at a Spring meeting and luncheon held on Saturday at Lincoln's Inn.

Dinner

Institute of Explosives Engineers

The annual dinner of the Institute of Explosives Engineers was held on Saturday, after the president's reception at the Falcon Hotel, Stratford upon Avon. The president, Mr K.A. Broadhurst, welcomed the guests who included Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir John Rawlins, presenter of this year's Nobel lecture, Sir Trevor Skeet, MP, joint Chairman of the Parliamentary Minerals Group, Mr G.E. Williamson, HM Chief Inspector of Explosives, and Mr E. Saunders, HM Principal Inspector of Quarries.

Service dinners

St Nazaire Society

Countess Mountbatten of Burma was the guest of honour at the forty-fifth anniversary reunion dinner of the St Nazaire Society held on Saturday at Armoury House. Mr M. Burn, co-president, presided and Sir Ronald Swayne and Mr Billie Stephens, co-president, also spoke.

The York and Lancaster Regiment

The Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire and Mrs Neill attended a dinner at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield, on Saturday to mark the disbandment of regimental headquarters of The York and Lancaster Regiment and the transfer of the regiment to the disbanded units section of the Army List on March 31. Brigadier R. Eccles and Colonel D.B. Webster presided.

Clifford Longley

Casting stones at the masons

The Church of England's relationship with Freemasonry is likely to be the dominant topic of the summer, with strong pressure on the general synod at its meeting in July to say that Christianity and masonry are incompatible.

Meanwhile Methodist Freemasons are planning to prepare a theological riposte to that church's negative and critical judgement, passed in resolutions at the Methodist Conference in 1985, in the hope that the conference might be persuaded to reverse its policy next year.

An Anglican working party has prepared a report, still confidential, which the general synod asked for two years ago. It is likely to be published in June and debated in July. Judging from the synod's mood in 1985, it is not going to be very sympathetic; in virtually all the churches except the Roman Catholic the earlier attitude of tolerance or even implicit support for masonry has changed in one generation into suspicion and antipathy.

The Roman Catholic Church has always officially opposed masonry, though membership is no longer an automatically excommunicable offence (largely resulting from a general policy of cutting down the number of such offences rather than from increased goodwill).

The Methodist Association of Freemasons, still smarting from the stigma of the 1985 conference condemnation of masonry, is collecting experts to prepare a report to support the claim that the "craft" is not itself a religion or a rival to Christianity, but on the contrary an ally of religion and morality.

But generally the tide is still running the other way. An Anglican critic of masonry, the Rev John Lawrence, has just published a hostile judgement (*Freemasonry - a Religion?, Kingsway, £4.95*) which will influence Evangelical opinion considerably.

Anglo-Catholic reaction has never been very warm; and in two decades liberal opinion has swung against. The current mood of liberal theology is not supportive of the values of the conservative suburban middle classes, having moved to a more left-wing profile on cultural and social issues, and hence is not friendly to the implicit ideological message of Freemasonry. Thus all three major groupings in the church are likely to be indifferent or unfriendly.

The present Anglican church, at least at the level of its governing class, is a far cry from the church of the 1950s which, under Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher (himself a mason), saw nothing wrong with the traditional close alliance of church and lodge; and there does not appear to be a single prominent member of the ecclesiastical hierarchy who is a mason, a dramatic change from 30 or 40 years ago.

It seems masonry has been a victim of the growth of religious pluralism in English society. A generation or two ago most, if not all, masons would also be churchmen, and the assumptions of Anglican or Free Church Christianity would be implicit in their beliefs and attitudes. So no great exception would be taken then to the fact that the rituals of masonry, while full of references to God (albeit in masonry's strange jargon), made no reference to Jesus Christ. It hardly seemed necessary to state the obvious.

But Christianity has become one creed among many, and the craft no longer appears as an extension of the church's life. It now seems more like an alternative faith, and the omission of Jesus Christ from its rituals seems like a deliberate doctrinal position.

Scrutinising it with that contemporary perspective, panels of church experts are bound to find major objections to the rituals and liturgies of masonry. In the present case, it is a basic part of Anglican polity to deduce doctrine out of liturgy, hence the importance attached to the Book of Common Prayer and the Alternative Services Book for the church's own doctrinal standards.

Mr Lawrence is not the first to have discerned a system of religious belief in masonic ritual, or to have compared it with the Christian system and found it different. A similar judgement was officially issued by the German Catholic bishops a decade ago, after long discussions with masonic representatives.

It is not the absence from the rituals of any mention of Christ which is emerging as the basic theological issue, however. Freemasonry, as the German bishops noted, offers a form of spiritual life which is alien to the formula "salvation by grace through faith".

The recent publication of the Anglican-Roman Catholic agreed doctrinal statement on grace and salvation has revived interest in the theology of salvation, and masonry can expect to be examined according to those ideas, particularly as the joint statement has re-equipped the churches with an acceptable and non-contentious language for handling them.

The essence of the charge against Freemasonry to be heard at the summer synod will be that it is a version of Pelagianism, the fifth century heresy bitterly opposed by St Augustine of Hippo and condemned by the church, but no less rife today for all that.

Augustine and the church insisted that salvation was always God's free gift (grace). Pelagius thought individuals could save themselves by the merits of their own efforts, and on the evidence, so does masonry. If it is a religion, it is a "religion of works" not of grace. The difference is theologically fundamental, but practically intangible.

If the argument about masonry in the churches so far has baffled Christian masons anxiously looking on, this may be because there is a substantial element of hidden Pelagianism in most of "folk" Christianity too, and it is far from absent in organised church life -- many ordinary church members assume Christianity is indeed essentially about self-improvement, and they are not contradicted by what they see and here.

Thus a debate about the implicit doctrinal basis of masonry, with the joint Anglican-Roman Catholic statement on salvation as a background resource, could lead the Church of England into a more general debate about Pelagianism and its contemporary power and influence. There is a lot of it about, by no means only in masonry. So the church may have to cast out beams before it casts out motes.

Marriages

Mr C.G.N. Campbell and Mrs C.R. Stirling

The marriage took place in London on Thursday, March 26, between Mr Colin Campbell, son of the late Colonel Archie Campbell and the late Mrs Dorothy Campbell, and Mrs Charmian Stirling, younger daughter of Lord and Lady George Scott.

Mr S.M. May and Mrs K.F. Weston

A service of blessing was held on Saturday at the Temple Church after the marriage at Chelsea Register Office of Mr Simon May, elder son of Lord Justice and Lady May, of 26 Wellington Square, London, SW3, and Mrs Kay Weston, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.S. Foxwell, of Dorking, Surrey. Canon Joseph Robinson officiated.

Dr M.S. Davies and Miss A.M. Holdich

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 28, at St James's, Spanish Place, London, of Dr Michael Stuart Davies and Miss Angela Mary Holdich.

Mr A.J. Rawson and Miss S.C. Sunderland

The marriage took place on Saturday, March 28, 1987, at Oldway Mansions, Paignton, Devon, between Mr Anthony James Rawson and Miss Susan Claire Sunderland.

Sale room

Toy coach and four sets prices galloping

By Geraldine Norman, Sale room Correspondent

How seriously collectors are prepared to take old toys was underlined by the $18,700 (estimate $15,000-$18,000) or £11,688, paid in New York on Saturday for a tin plate coach and four of the late 19th century.

The high slung coach on four cast wheels has ten passengers on the roof and a tin plate coachman driving four trotting horses on separate wheeled stands. Phillips described it as "possibly the finest early American tin plate toy every offered at auction". The overall length is 36 inches.

The same sale included an automaton of a French peasant feeding a pig at $15,400 (estimate $15,000-$17,000) or £9,625, a tin-plate model of the ocean liner Mauretania at $3,080 (est $3,200-$3,600) or £1,925 and a model car, a Hubley cast-iron 1927 Packard, at $7,150 (est $5,000-$6,000) or £4,469. The sale totalled £161,848 with 13 per cent unsold.

Sotheby's New York sale of Old Master paintings on Friday saw several private collectors fighting for possession of a sad head and shoulders of Christ attributed to Giovanni Antonio Boltraffio, sending the price up to $46,200 (est $7,000-$10,000) or £28,343.

A European dealer carried off a Flemish "Adoration of the Magi", attributed only to the "Circle of the Master of the Morrison Diptych", at $44,000 (estimate $8,000-$10,000) or £26,993. Another European dealer outbid a private collector to secure a contemporary copy of a lost painting by Rembrandt, "Baptism of the Eunoch" at $41,800 (est $8,000-$12,000) or £25,644. The Old Master sale made £896,634 with 7 per cent left unsold.

Sotheby's Saturday sale of French and continental furniture made £789,537 with 7 per cent unsold -- only 20 lots. A Paris dealer spent $143,000 (estimate $30,000-$50,000) or £87,730 on a Louis XV library table by J Dubois.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J.L. Burdge and Miss E.M. Brewster

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs John Burdge, of Stanmore, Middlesex, and Evelyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Brewster, of Harwich, Essex.

Mr M. Dixon and Miss R. Milton-Thompson

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs W. Dixon, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Richenda, daughter of Surgeon Rear-Admiral and Mrs G.T. Milton-Thompson, of Pool Hall, Menheniot, Cornwall.

Mr J.P. Halsey and Miss A.C. Jennison

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Philip Halsey, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Amelia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Godfrey Jennison, of Harrow, Middlesex.

Mr R.B. Jones and Miss M.M. Economides

The engagement is announced between Russell, younger son of Mr R. Jones and the late Mrs Jones, and stepson of Mrs E. Jones, of Claridge's hotel, London, and Michaela, only daughter of Mr C. Economides, of Hatch End, Middlesex, and Mrs P. Economides, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

The Rev P.J.E. Lillingston and Miss M.G.M. Webster

The engagement is announced between Peter John Edward, eldest son of the late Colonel E.G.G. Lillingston and Mrs Nancy Lillingston, and Mabel Grace Maud, eldest daughter of the late Dr John A. Webster and of Mrs Webster, of Crosby, Liverpool.

Dr S.A. Macklin and Miss J.M. Malthouse

The engagement is announced between Simon, second son of Mr and Mrs David Macklin, of Topsham, Exeter, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Malthouse, of East Horsley, Surrey.

Mr S.T. Martin and Miss S.M. Bolt

The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Martin, of Nunton Farm, near Salisbury, and Shell, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Bolt, of Guernsey.

Mr A.E. Montagu and Miss D.M. Harrison

The engagement is announced between Alan, second son of Major and Mrs M.D. Montagu, of Beccles, Suffolk, and Deborah, eldest daughter of Dr P.A. Harrison and the late Virginia Harrison, of Southport, Lancashire.

Mr T.M.H. Shearer and Miss M.F. Davis

The engagement is announced between Thoss (Mark), son of Mr Tom Shearer, CB, and Mrs Shearer, of Kennington, London, and Mary, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs R.S. Davis, of Gloucester.

Mr M. Smulian and Miss S. Marchini

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs P. Smulian, of Dovercourt, Essex, and Silvana, daughter of Professor and Signora P. Marchini, of Bari, Italy, and granddaughter of Mrs N. Moreton, of 12 Donne Place, London, SW3.

Mr D.C. Southall and Miss L. Foxworthy

The engagement is announced between Dean son of Captain and Mrs R.C. Southall, and Lenore, second daughter of Commander and Mrs Foxworthy, of Midhurst, Sussex.

Mr R.T. Thorp and Miss L.M. Fricker

The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.L. Thorp, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D. Fricker, of Prestbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.H. Vittoria and Miss B.A. Finch

The engagement is announced between Joseph Hugo, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.V. Vittoria, of Greenwich, Connecticut, United States, and Barbara Anne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Finch, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

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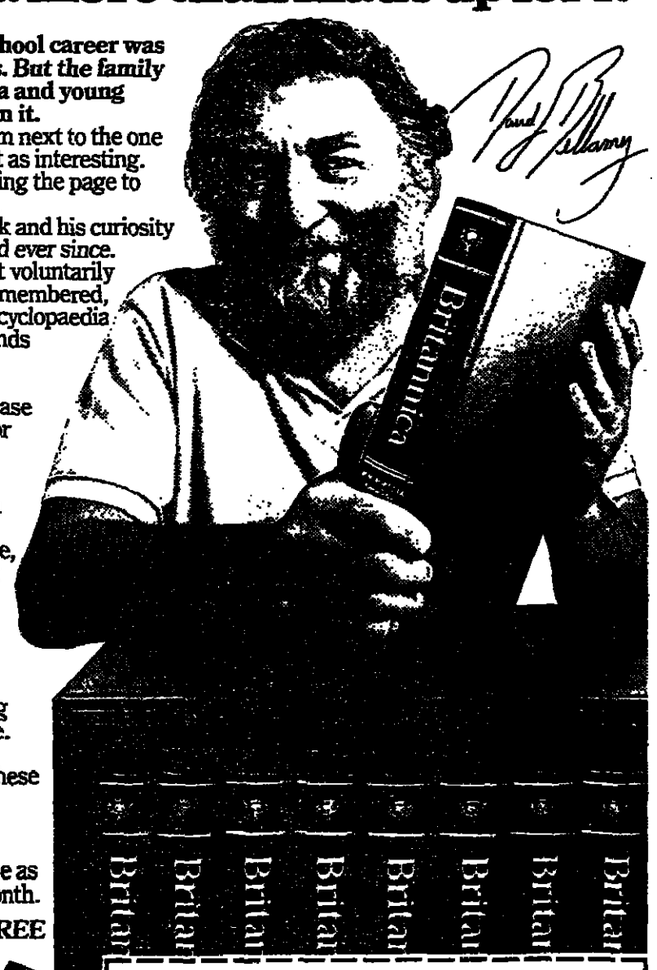
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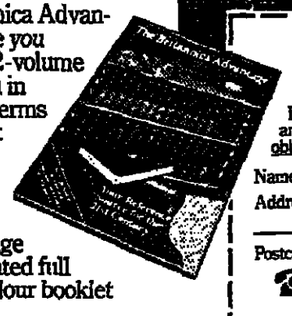
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OBITUARY

MR DAVID WATT

Political columnist of reason and balance

Mr David Watt, journalist and political commentator, died on March 27 at the age of 55.



He was an accomplished and thoughtful journalist who successfully straddled the two worlds of journalistic commentary and policy research.

He was director of the Royal Institute of National Affairs (Chatham House) from 1978 to 1983, and in his later years had taken on a number of consultancies, including one as political adviser to Rio Tinto Zinc.

Watt was born in Edinburgh on January 9, 1932, the son of a clergyman. He was educated at Marlborough and Hertford College, Oxford, where, during his penultimate year, he contracted polio (an experience of which he wrote most movingly in an early article in *The Spectator* entitled "Last Gasp").

He had previously been a rather hearty undergraduate; but his illness, while restricting him physically, made him even more alert mentally. He suffered constant pain, which he bore stoically.

His first journalistic job was on *The Spectator*. As well as acting as the office "dogsbody", he was allowed to write drama criticism.

That was hardly his *métier*, however, and he moved, in 1958, to become diplomatic correspondent of *The Scotsman*. There he remained for two years before becoming Common Market correspondent for the *Daily Herald*.

In 1962 he moved again, this time to become political correspondent of *The Spectator*. There he wrote some of his best work - witty, lively and penetrating, about both policies and individuals.

In 1963 he left to become the *Financial Times*' first full-time correspondent in Washington, and it was with that newspaper that he attained his full flowering.

He was a distinguished Washington correspondent, regularly embarrassing the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank with well-informed stories about their internal affairs, matters which they would much rather have kept to themselves.

In 1968 he returned to London to become the *Financial Times*' political editor. After ten years, however, he felt restless, and in 1977 became director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs. But his tenure there was not a happy one.

There were disputes with the Foreign Office over funding, and some tensions with the institute's staff, who would have welcomed a more gregarious personality. Watt knew that he was a writer, not an administrator.

He departed after five years, with evident relief - taking pride in the distinction of having been the only post-war director of Chatham House not to be rewarded with an appearance in the honours list.

He had taken up journalism again while still in office; and, since 1981, his regular weekly column in *The Times* was one of the most readable features of the newspaper's "op-ed" page.

He also enjoyed a considerable reputation as a book reviewer, particularly in *The Observer*, where his notices had appeared for almost a quarter of a century.

He never published a book himself, though for many years he had struggled with the theme of latter-day British imperialism, as reflected in the story of "Lord Milner's Kindergarten". He was also keen to write a history of the Cold War.

Watt was a reserved yet taut personality whose strength as a writer lay in his analytical mind. Politically, he stood in the "centre", wanting to see a society planned by moderate people and by agreement.

He is survived by his wife, Susanne, and by their four sons.

PROFESSOR GWYN MACFARLANE

Professor Gwyn Macfarlane, CBE, FRS, who devoted his life to the care of haemophiliacs, died on March 26. He was 79.

Robert Gwyn Macfarlane was born on June 26, 1907, and educated at Cheltenham College and St Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

He wrote his first paper on haemophilia while still an undergraduate, and in 1938 was awarded the London University Gold Medal for his MD thesis on the haemostatic mechanism.

During the war he worked with the mobile bacteriological research laboratory, carrying out tests for gas gangrene, which was discovered to be attributable to a specific bacteria.

Though he made many contributions to other aspects of haemotology and blood transfusion, it is for his work on blood coagulation that he will chiefly be remembered.

His work with Dr Rosemary Biggs at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, in the 1950s laid the foundations of modern understanding of the blood coagulation mechanism, and led to his classical description in 1964 of the process as "an enzyme cascade system".

With his colleagues, he pioneered the purification of the anti-haemophilic factor from human and animal plasma for clinical use, and the Churchill became a leading world centre for both scientific research and patient care in the field.

Biggs and Macfarlane's *Human Blood Coagulation and its Disorders* is the standard work on the subject and ran to three editions between 1953 and 1962.

He was elected FRS for his scientific contributions in 1956, and the Haemophilia Society subsequently elected him to its presidency in recognition of his services to sufferers from the disease.

The Medical Research Council established a blood coagulation research unit under his direction in 1959, and he was appointed professor of clinical pathology at Oxford Oxford in 1965. He was made a Fellow of All Souls' in 1963.

Macfarlane's incisive and critical mind went with a puckish sense of humour and an engaging modesty. Though much in demand as an accomplished and entertaining speaker, he was not an over-eager attender at scientific meetings.

He chose to retire from active scientific work at the age of sixty, and then made a new reputation as a perceptive biographer.

His two admirable books on Florey and Fleming combine his scientific and literary gifts, and together they provide the fullest and fairest account of the discovery of penicillin, leaving no doubt where credit is chiefly due.

He leaves a widow, Hilary, four sons and a daughter.

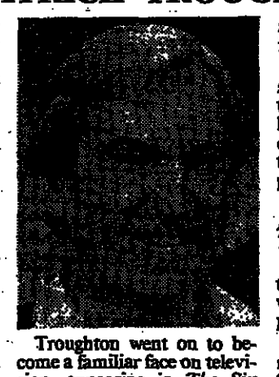
MR PATRICK TROUGHTON

Mr Patrick Troughton, best known for his flamboyant portrayal of Dr Who in the BBC's science fiction children's series of that name, died suddenly on March 28. He was 67.

Born Patrick George Troughton on March 25, 1920, he was educated at Mill Hill School, north London.

He then trained at the Embassy School of Acting and won a scholarship to Leighton Rollin's Studio for Actors at Long Island, New York.

After war service at sea he joined the Bristol Old Vic and became a Shakespearean actor. He also played Hitler in the Gateway Theatre production of *Eva Braun* in 1950.



Troughton went on to become a familiar face on television, appearing in *The Six Wives of Henry VIII*, *Family at War*, *Dr Finlay's Casebook* and *Colditz*. He always turned in a competent performance.

In 1966 he became the second Dr Who in succession to William Hartnell, and brought his own natural sense of fun to his encounters with the exterminating Daleks. He played the part for three years.

His film credits included *Frankenstein*, *Sinbad and the Tiger* and *The Omen*.

Golf occupied some of his time, so did sailing; and he was a talented amateur painter.

Troughton, who was thrice married, leaves a widow, Shelagh, four sons, two daughters, a stepson and a step-daughter.

BARONESS MARIA von TRAPP

Baroness Maria von Trapp, whose escape from the Nazis with her husband and children inspired *The Sound of Music*, died on March 28 at the age of 82.

Maria Augusta Kutschera was born on January 26, 1905, in Vienna.

As Sister Maria, a twenty-years-old postulant, she agreed, as a temporary assignment, to leave Nonnberg Convent, Salzburg, to serve as governess to the seven children of a local widowed nobleman, Baron Georg von Trapp.

An orphan herself, she fell in love with her charges and then with the baron. They subsequently married and had three more fair-haired, singing von Trapps.

The baron had been an outspoken opponent of Nazism and, with the arrival of German troops in the Tyrol in 1938, the family decided to flee to the United States.

They arrived penniless, and for the next fifteen years the Trapp Family made a living singing at concerts there and in Europe.

The baroness told their tale in *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers* (1948). It was modestly received.

She then sold the film rights for £1,500 to a German company which passed them on to Rodgers and Hammerstein who used the book as the basis for their stage musical.

From the vast amounts of money generated - both from the play and the film - she received nothing.

The family bought a ramshackle property in Vermont's Green Mountains - the closest America could offer to their native Tyrol.

The film of *The Sound of Music* was released in 1965, with Julie Andrews playing the baroness.

She never did approve of Miss Andrews' portrayal of her.

Her husband died in 1947. She is survived by their ten children.

WALTER ABEL

Mr Walter Abel, actor and musketeer, died on March 26, aged 88.

He acted in Eugene O'Neill's plays when they were first performed in the 1920s, before going to Hollywood.

His first major role there was the lead in the 1935 version of *The Three Musketeers*.

He played D'Artagnan, but only his romantic profile was reminiscent of Douglas Fairbanks senior, who played the part in the silent version.

Abel appeared in more than 80 films, among them *The Wisteria Trees*, *The Pleasure of His Company* and the wartime *13, Rue Madeleine*.

He was vice-president of the Screen Actors Guild in the 1950s.

Sir James (Charles) McNeill, CBE, formerly managing director and chairman of the Broken Hill Propriety Company, died on March 12, aged 70.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales opens the new Full Body Scanner at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, at 10.30.

Princess Anne opens the Two Castles housing development, Bishop's Close, Carlisle, at 9.20; the CT Scanner Unit, Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, at 10.05; and the new magistrates' court, Whitehaven, at 11.35; she visits Cleatore Moore Work Space, Civic Centre, at 12.15; then opens the County Fire Service Headquarters, Cockermouth, at 1.05. Later she visits the Brewery Arts Centre and Youth Hostel Association development, Kendal, at 3.05; and opens the Abbeyfield Extra Care Home, Hartland House, Milnthorpe, at 4.00.

The Duchess of Kent, Controller Commandant of the WRAC, visits the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst at 11.00.

Nature notes

The swallows return



The first swallows are back: they sweep past with a rapid twitter and a flash of blue wings. These early arrivals feed for a week or two over lakes and rivers, before returning to the barns whose rafters they will nest in. Wheatears have now spread throughout the country: they are sometimes seen resting on playing fields before continuing their journey northwards. Ring-ousels are appearing in the West Country: they are like blackbirds with a white half-moon on their throats.

Sandwich terns, which are the largest British terns, have arrived from West Africa and are making their way up the coasts. An osprey has been recorded near Leicester: this is a large fish-hawk with a brown back and brilliant white underparts. A few pairs nest every year on the Scottish lochs.

Showers of brittle twigs and boughs were blown down from the lime-trees by the wind. On horse-chestnut trees, sprays of sturdy, light green leaves are emerging from the buds: at first they are covered with fine down, but this will fall off as the leaves expand. Dock leaves are growing fast on the roadsides, their veins tinged with pink: and the blue flowers of speedwell are out in many fields.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

...all the Lord our God, and worship ... his holy hill, for the Lord our God ... holy.
Psalm 99 : 9

BIRTHS

LEN-BUCKLEY - On March 6th 1987, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Giancaria (nee Furlei) and Michael, a son, *Luke Charles Ulic Locke*.

BETT - On march 19th, to Fiona (nee Winn) and Charles, a daughter, Luisa.

ATTO - On March 11th, to Judith and Robert, a second son, George Christopher Mungo.

UMMING - On March 16th 1987, to Dorcas (née Vaughan Williams) and Norman, a son Edward Alastair.

OWELL - *On March 27th, 1987, to* Elizabeth and Christopher, a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, a sister for Hannah and Eleanor.

U CANE - On March 25th, to Andrea and John, a daughter, Nicole.

ILL - On March 25th, to Georgina (nee Miller-Stirling) and Ian, a daughter, Antonia Elizabeth Mary.

RANT - On March 23rd, at home, to Teresa and Fred, a daughter, Isobelle Jean, a sister for Natalie.

UEST - On March 28th, to Emma and Charles, a son, Hugo.

EENTIKE - On March 24th 1987, at St Mary's Hospital (Lumdo Wing), to Nancy (née Smith) and Brian, a daughter, Caitlin Smith.

OODLETT - On March 27th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Susan (née Fletcher) and Jonathan, a son, *William Rufus*.

ANNIVERSARIES

WARMAN-PHILLIPS - On March 30th, 1932, Francis Frederic Guy, to Kathleen Olive, at St. Nicholas Church, Radford, Coventry. Now at 76 Winterbourne Close, Lewes, East Sussex.

DEATHS

BARNETT - On March 26th 1987, peacefully at home, Gerald Earnest, aged 68 years. Funeral April 2nd 1987, 10 am at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, East Finchley.

BULLIMORE - On Thursday 19th March, peacefully in London, Margaret Buchanan (Daisy), beloved wife of the late Joseph Scott Bullimore and dearly loved mother of Jean and Bill. The funeral has already taken place.

CORKINDALE - On March 26th 1987, suddenly at work Kenneth (Ken) Corkindale F.B.P.S., aged 59 years, Senior Psychologist (Naval). Deeply mourned by Sue, Jonathan and Julia. Funeral Service Friday April 3rd at Farnborough (Hants) Old Parish Church 2pm, followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to E Finch and Sons Ltd, 123 High Street, Aldershot.

DEAS - On Sunday March 22nd 1987, at Ninewells Hospital, Jean Helene, late of 20 Irvine Crescent, St. Andrews. Body bequeathed to medical research.

EDWARDS - *On Friday March 27th*, surrounded by the love of his family and of his many friends, Lindsay, most wonderful husband and father of Claire, Jeremy and Guy. Funeral at West Tytherley Church at 3pm Friday 3rd April. Only garden flowers please.

HANDFORD - On March 26th, in hospital, after an illness borne very cheerfully and courageously, Kenneth William Handford, M.C.D., much loved father of Peta, Sue and Rosemary and grandfather of Natacha. Flowers or donations to Cancer Research and all other enquiries to: J W Brocklehurst & Sons Ltd, Prestbury, (06256) 829232.

HUGHES - On March 26th, in hospital, Marjorie Mabel, dearly loved wife of Victor, mother of Jill, Barbara and Mary and grandmother of Andrew. Funeral at the Church of St. Laurence, Catsfield, Sussex on April 2nd at 12 Noon. Family flowers to F. Jempson & Son, 38 High Street, Battle, Sussex.

HELPS - On March 27th 1987, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Armorel Meg Helps (née Low), much loved wife of the late Tom Helps and a greatly loved mother and grandmother. Cremation private. Donations if desired for St Elizabeth Hospice Appeal, C/O Singleton & Hastings Funeral Service, Berners Street, Ipswich. Date of Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

JAMES - On March 23rd, following a fleeting day's illness at the end of two difficult years lived at her home in Bromley, Kent, with quiet and uncomplaining acceptance, Elsie Elizabeth, aged 77, loving wife of the late Arthur James BEM. A dear *mum*, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, she will be greatly missed. Service conducted by Father Barry Naylor at Lewisham Crematorium, on March 31st at 2.30 pm. Flowers welcome or donations to The British Diabetic Association.

KING - *On March 26th 1987*, peacefully at home, Alfred George, aged 82 years, former Captain Artist Rifles, father of Patricia, David and Raymond. The Funeral Service takes place at Worthing Crematorium on Monday April 6th at 11.15 am. *Family flowers only*, but if desired, donations in lieu may be sent direct to The British Diabetic Association.

MAYNE - On March 26th 1987, in Hong Kong, after a long illness bravely borne, Desmond O'Reilly, beloved husband of Patricia (née Digby) and father of Bartley.

NEWBURY - On March 25th peacefully, at the Royal Masonic Hospital, Bertram, beloved husband of Gina and much loved father of Pat and Brian. Cremation at Enfield on Thursday, April 2nd at 2.30pm. *Family flowers only please* but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

NEWMAN - On March 16th, suddenly and tragically whilst visiting South Africa, Ronald William and Victoria (née Brady), beloved parents of Claire, Frances and Jane. Funeral Service at St Martha-on-the-Hill Church, Halfpenny Lane, Guildford, Thursday 2nd April at 1.00 pm. No flowers please, but donations to Arthritis & Rheumatism Council for Research.

PAYNE - On March 26th 1987, Violet *Ethel (née Timms)* peacefully at her home, 'The Springs' Ellesborough. No flowers please, private family funeral.

RAWSDEN - On March 27th, peacefully at home, Caryl O.L., Eighth Baronet. Funeral at the Church of St. Peter, Helperby on Friday April 3rd at 2.15pm followed by private committal at Burton Agnes

RADFORD - On March 27th, at home, Brigadier Walter Buckley (George), late King's Dragoon Guards, dearly loved husband of Betty. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Charminster, Dorchester, on Thursday April 2nd at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

RIBUFFI - On March 26th 1987, peacefully in St Helen's Hospital, Hastings, Bob, aged 71 years. Beloved father of Anita and Tania and much loved grandpa of Debbie, Paula and Rachel. Funeral Thursday 2nd April, service at St Mary's Star of The Sea Church, Hastings at 10.00am, followed by interment at *Brayswick Lawn Cemetery, Maiden-head, Berks*. Family flowers only please but, if desired donations to Hastings Calesian Circle General Benevolent Fund, c/o Hickley Funeral Service, Hastings 431461.

RITZEMA - On March 23rd 1987, suddenly at home, Palmer Louis Ritzema M.B.E. ("Rits"). Much loved by his wife Frances, sons Peter and Robin, their wives and his six grandchildren. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday, April 3rd at 2.30pm. Family flowers only.

RUNNICLES - On March 27th, Dr Dennis, a dear husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks on Friday April 3rd at 11.00am. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to J. Lee, The Stroke Club, Sevenoaks Hospital.

SALE - On March 26th 1987, after a short illness Geoffrey, aged 79 years, loving husband of the late Olivia, dearly loved father, grandfather and brother. Late headmaster of Kings School, Bruton, Rossall School and *Director of studies at R.M.A. Sandhurst*. Funeral service at Wilton Church, near Salisbury, Wilts, on Wednesday 1st April 1987 at 2.00pm. Donations if desired to The Marie Curie Foundation C/O HA Harrold Limited, 77 Estcourt Road, Salisbury, *Wilts* Tel: 0722 21177.

SALMON - On March 25th, peacefully after a short illness, Humphrey, dearly loved father of Rosie and Caroline and grandfather of Charlie, James, Rose and Ned. Private cremation. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research. Service of Thanksgiving to be announced later.

SCOTT - On March 27th, suddenly but peacefully at Oaklands, Oswestry, Dorothy (née Minshall), aged 83, Widow of Peter, Aunt to Dilys and Rosemary. Cremation Shrewsbury. 10am Thursday April 2nd.

THOMPSON - On March 26th 1987, after a long illness, Major Frank Gledhill Thompson R.A., Retd. formerly headmaster of Dumpton School, Wimborne. Dearly loved husband of Rachel and father of Charlotte, James, Henry and William. Funeral at Wimborne Minster at 3.15pm on Thursday April 2nd. *Family flowers only, but donations if* desired to Dumpton School Trust Ltd. c/o Charles Small & Son, 15 West Street, Wimborne, Dorset.

TYNDALL - On March 24th 1987, at St Helena Hospice, Colchester, John Patrick Pickard, aged 67 years. Funeral service St Peter and St Pauls' Church, West Mersea, on Friday April 3rd at 11.45am, followed by cremation at Colchester. Family flowers only donations if desired to St Helena Hospice, c/o L.W. Kemble Ltd., Funeral Directors, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Essex.

UPTON - On March 26th 1987, Mary Constance De Courcy of Riverside, Wolverton, Market Drayton, Shropshire, peacefully at her home two days after her 93rd birthday. Funeral service at Stoke upon Tern Parish Church, near Hodnet, Market Drayton on Thursday April 2nd at 2.45pm, followed by cremation at Emstrey, Shrewsbury. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Stoke upon Tern Church and the *Horace Kadoorie* High School, Nepal. Enquiries Howell Bros., Funeral Directors, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Tel: 0948 2338 or 3848.

WATT - On March 27th, David Watt dearly beloved husband, father, son, brother and friend, suddenly in an accident at his Oxfordshire house. His wife, Susan, his sons Thomas, Alexander, Benedict, and Jonathan will miss him enormously. Private family funeral. Details of memorial service to follow. Donations to the Harris Respiratory Unit, National Hospital, Queens Square, London WC1 would be appreciated by his family.

WELD-FORESTER - On Friday March 27th 1987, Anne Grace Christian, peacefully in Norfolk, aged 85. Cremation at St Faiths, 75 Manor Road, St Faiths, Norfolk on Thursday April 2nd, at 3pm.

YOUNG PHYLLIS ELIZABETH - On March 26th, peacefully aged 81, of 63 Albert Road, Richmond, Daughter of A J and Mrs Heaney. First wife of Professor J Z Young, dearest mother of Simon and Cordelia and loving grandmother of Amelia, Angelica, Rupert, Daniel and Jasper. Funeral private.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HOBART- A Service of Thanksgiving for the lives of Major General and Mrs Patrick Hobart, will be held at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, SW1 on *Monday April 27th at 12* noon. All wishing to attend please telephone 01-828 8953 by Monday April 6th.

STRAUSS - A memorial service is being held today for Julius Strauss at the Plaisterers Hall, 1 London Wall, London EC2 at 12 mid-day.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

AGAZARIAN - Jack Charles Stanmore, *Flt/Lt Royal Air Force* VR, killed 29th March 1945, Flossenberg and Noel le Chevalier, F/O Royal Air Force VR, killed in action 16th May 1941, Cyrenaica. Deinr Gloria Soli Deo.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

MACLAURIN - *Patsurie Olga died* 29th March 1986. Rest In Peace. Loving memories always. - Kirti- Basra, Anver and Evie, Cosmo and Eva x.

NICHOLSON - In loving memory of (Steve) Stephen Martin Nicholson, aged 43, who died suddenly March 30th 1986. Ex-Kings College, Wimbledon and Home Office. Greatly missed by Heather, Ella and Martin.

Science report

Treatments may lead to increase in asthma

By Alfred Browne

Asthma is on the increase. It is the one "treatable" disease with a rising death rate.

In 1985, 2,167 people died from asthma *in Britain*, a 10 per cent increase on the previous year. The same trend is seen in the United States, West Germany, Sweden, and in New Zealand where doctors say they face an epidemic.

There are an estimated two to five million asthma *victims in* Britain. The exact total is not known because only a third are thought to be receiving treatment.

Although exercise or allergic reaction to such things as pollen or house dust can bring on an attack there are also suggestions of an unknown cause.

Effective treatments exist, but Professor Peter Barnes, of the Asthma Research Council at Brompton Hospital, *London*, believes that they may be involved in the disease's increase.

Some inhalers, which contain substances called beta agonists, give instant *relief but* they could be treating just the symptoms, not the underlying disease and cause. So they could cover up a cure's warning by "take it easy" *given* by shortage of breath, with harmful consequences.

In some asthma cases the disease may be wrongly diagnosed and treated.

A further problem may be the patient's failure to follow other treatments which may be less dramatic in giving relief but more effective in dealing with *the disease*.

Professor Barnes says that recent research indicates that asthma *involves inflammation of* the airways. Steroids and other anti-inflammatory medicines are prescribed but because they do not produce immediate benefit, they may *not be taken properly*.

The role of inflammation suggests that asthma, like rheumatism, is the result of the body's own defences against disease going wrong. One theory is that the cause is something called platelet activating factor (PAF), which helps to keep our blood in the right condition.

People given excess PAF behave like asthmatics. PAF is formed from those saturated fats found in meat and *animal products* which are blamed by some for the rise in heart disease. So too rich a diet and too little exercise could be the cause.

A Chinese asthma treatment, 2,000 years old, uses leaves of the ginkgo tree. They contain an active ingredient which is a specific PAF blocker, Professor Barnes says.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

JAMIE - William and Arthur Jamie and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to friends and colleges of their late sister, for the great kindness shown to them in their recent bereavement.

BIRTHDAYS

CAPTAIN SENSIBLE Happy Birthday it's 1.69 a.m. LL.Y. - L xx

KATE FORSYTH - Happy 18th Birthday, love from Mum, Dad, Julian and Charlie, have a good time tonight!

MATHEW PATTENDEN (Paddy), love and congratulations on your 18th birthday. Mum, Dad and Ben.

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Bussing in a bright future

Britain has fallen behind in teaching children technology, but new schemes could change all that

The rapid growth of technology industries has caught British education unprepared. Few schools are able to offer a suitable curriculum yet it is this sector which offers the best opportunity for reducing youth unemployment.

In the past few years the Government has identified this problem and has poured millions of pounds into reshaping education so that children can gain the sort of skills that will be needed in the 1990s and beyond.

The most radical plan was published by the Education Secretary, Kenneth Baker, last October. He wants to set up 20 new city technology colleges (CTCs) in urban areas for the 11- to 18-year-old group. The curriculum would include computing, physics, craft, design and technology.

An unusual part of the plan is that the Government is asking business and industry for cash help in opening these colleges – and any CTC will open only after £1 million has been raised from the private sector. After that the Government will maintain each college as if it were a state secondary school.

Mr Baker said: "I want to build these colleges as centres of excellence. We want to choose children from all social backgrounds, but there will be some form of aptitude testing to select those who have a natural ability for technology.

"I have already had firm offers to help from industry and I think we are on target to get the first two colleges open by the autumn of 1988. We plan to open another 18 by 1990; the time scale is ambitious."

However, the existing education system also has to be re-structured if school-leavers are to have skills relevant to the new types of job on offer, and there are two problems.

The first is a drastic shortage of teachers skilled in the technology subjects. Most secondary school teachers finished their training before the arrival of the microcomputer and although there have been repeated initiatives by various government departments to re-train teachers while they are in service, the problem remains acute.

It is also acknowledged that an introduction to technology needs to occur in primary schools. Here the situation shows only marginal improvement and this is limited to the small amount of in-service training offered to primary teachers under the Microelectronics Education Programme, which ran from 1982 to 1985.

In a nutshell, the problem is that 70 per cent of all school teachers were trained to teach either the humanities or the arts and most of the remainder specialized in maths or the sciences. Few chose to study subjects related to the needs of Britain's new industries.

The second problem is a lack of the money to buy the expensive equipment necessary for a re-structured curriculum. Several programmes are now funding alternative ways of getting the children and the equipment together, but considerably more money is needed.

It is now clear that if Britain is to have vigorous manufacturing and information technology industries in the future, more 16- to 18-year-olds will have to leave school with practical experience of robotic equipment, telecommunications, factory automation, computer-aided design and mainstream computer applications.

One of the most successful government initiatives here has been a programme called British School Technology (BST), a three-year programme started in 1984 and funded with a £2 million yearly budget. On April 1 this year, direct government funding ceases, but BST will continue retraining teachers and providing resources with funding from both government and the private sector.

BST's main task was to find efficient methods of re-training existing teachers and to get expensive equipment into schools in a cost-effective way.

Under the chairmanship of Sir Henry Chilver, vice-chancellor of the Cranfield Institute of Technology, BST solved the first problem by running residential courses for teachers at two centres, in Bedford and in Nottingham. Over the past three years thousands of teachers have attended the courses.

BST is soon to become a charitable trust

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Sir Henry says: "BST is continuing its activities in a new format. From April 1 we are becoming a charitable trust which owns an operating company and I am optimistic about the future. I think our funding will come from a variety of sources including government departments, commercial enterprise and the private sector.

"There are no guarantees that money will be forthcoming, but I am confident that we will be able to expand our present level of £2 million a year substantially. The scope is considerable." There are many other initiatives in hand which seek to improve the teaching of technological subjects in schools. Some are direct programmes organized by central government, others are being run by local authorities.

One useful arrival is Neris, a national database service set up with money from the Department of Trade and Industry. This database, available from last February via Prestel and *The Times* Network System, provides teachers with on-line information about learning resources materials and, as the database grows, teachers should be able to log-on for information about classroom materials they can use in all of the technology subjects.

Like BST, the Neris service is starting with full funding from central government, but within the next two years the operation is expected to become self-financing.

The attempts to reshape education for a changing society seem vigorous, but many teachers and educational advisors feel that the problem is so large that present programmes can do little more than provide a band-aid solution for today's school children.

If the CTC comes to full fruition, there may be a chance for the most talented children to receive an education directly tailored to the needs of tomorrow's industries, but Kenneth Baker faces the same problem in this programme that besets the rest of the system: where is he going to find hundreds of new teachers with the rare skills of understanding the technological subjects and with the ability to pass their knowledge on to children successfully?

Technocrats of tomorrow can get chance

At present, the educational establishment fears that the arrival of the new technology colleges may start a brain-drain of the existing technology teachers away from state comprehensives to the new CTCs. But Mr Baker has a radical solution.

He says: "The new colleges are going to act like a magnet and draw many teachers out of retirement or back from early retirement. There are hundreds of thousands of teachers who have given up teaching and I think these new colleges will attract many of them back into the profession."



Ron Denny at the wheel of a British School Technology bus, with its young "boffins", busy on a project which they can master while mobile (left)

Switch on to an exam project

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As employers demand that school leavers are equipped with skills directly related to the needs of industry, so the requirement for an exit examination in technological subjects has grown.

"There has been a tremendous growth in the number of candidates who wish to gain a GCE in Technology", said Stuart Handley of the Cambridge Syndicate. "In 1983 we had 2,289 O level entrants who came from 161 schools, but last year that figure had risen to 4,917 coming from 312 schools all over the country."

The growth in the number of candidates for GCE Technology reflects the improvement in the teaching of technological subjects which is starting to occur in British schools. In addition to in-service training for teachers organized by government programmes and by Local Area Education Authorities, teachers are themselves taking the initiative and studying to learn more about high-tech subjects.

The structure of all exit qualifications in secondary schools is now changing as the government introduces the new GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education). Although the new examination is specifically designed to offer opportunity to a wider ability group than can currently succeed with GCEs, the Cambridge Syndicate is ensuring that the quality of their examination is not going to be lessened.

"The new GCSE paper will be called Craft, Design and Technology rather than just technology", explained Mr Handley. "There are four pass grades in GCSE, A,B,C and F. Grade C will be the equivalent of a current pass in CSE Grade 4. This level is regarded as the median line in ability with 50 per cent of children falling on either side.

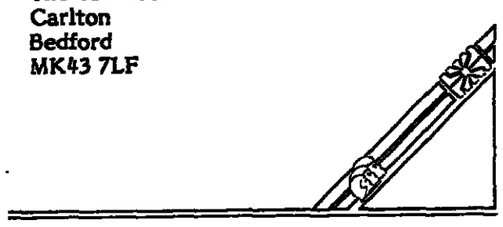
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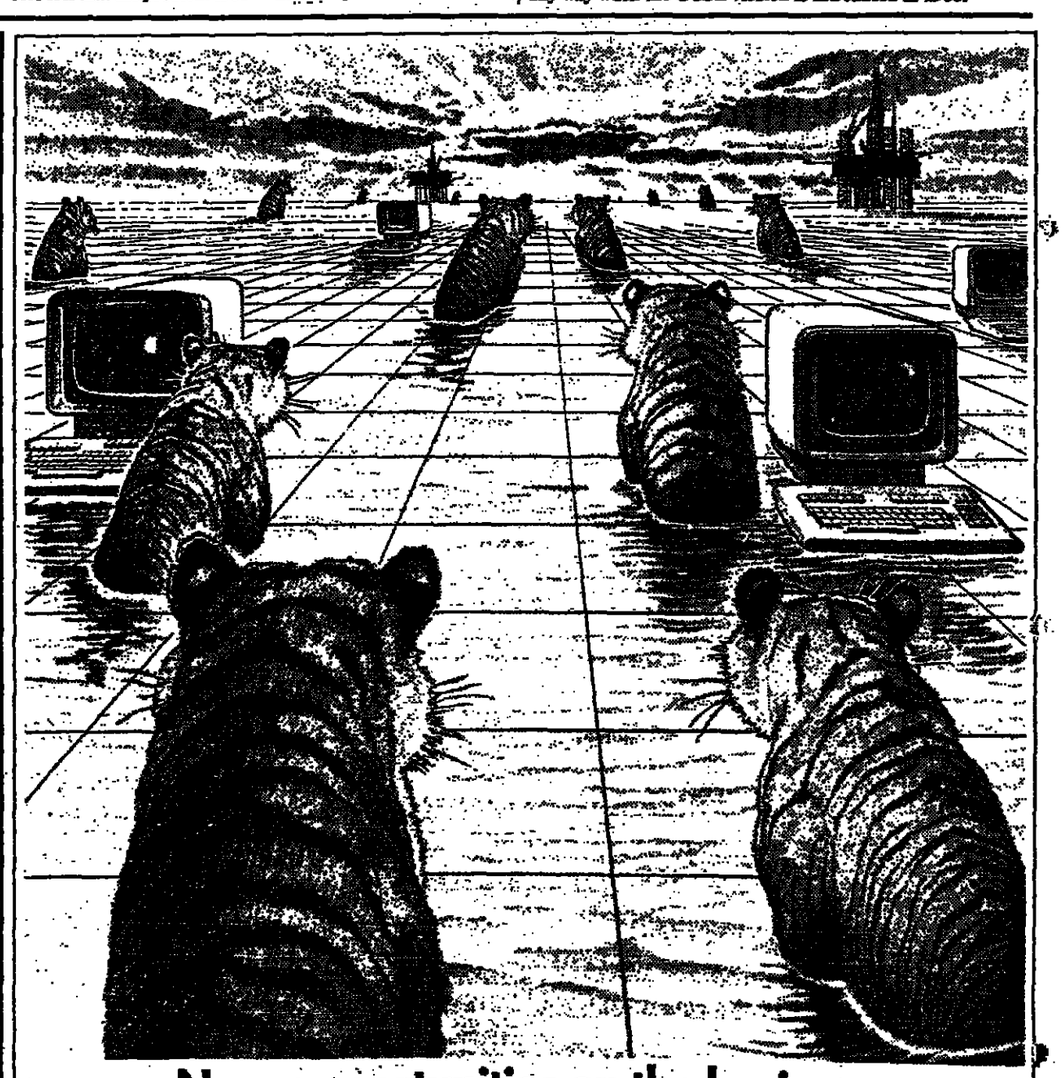
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Children key into a school revolution

Space invaders can claim some credit as children take the initiative in school high-tech changes

Computing is the subject which is most clearly identified with the changing face of British education. In 1982 the Government realized that there was a desperate need to place microcomputers into the hands of the next generation and in successive programmes the Department of Trade and Industry managed to bully the highly-resistant educational establishment into allowing computers into schools.

Despite a massive subsidy initiative to help schools buy the machines, and a stipulation that two teachers from each school should attend a training course in microcomputing, the initial response from the majority of British schools was poor. In many cases the micros were left in their packing cases or were relegated to a library where, if pupils were lucky, they might be allowed to use the machines to play Space Invaders during a wet lunch break. Very few state schools, and even fewer independent schools, realized the importance and the potential of the micro in education.

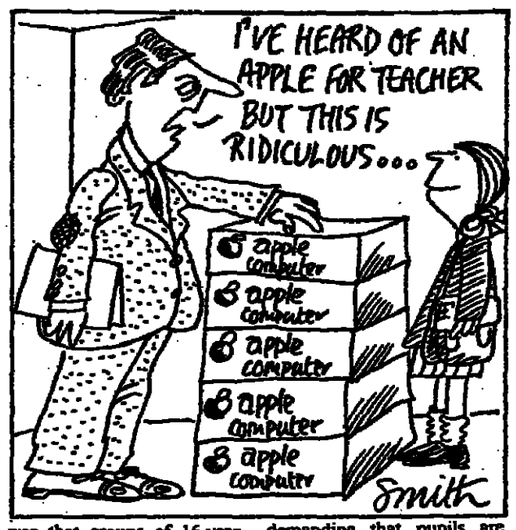
In the end it was the pupils who led the revolution. They brought the computer literacy they were learning at home into the schools and they dusted off the subsidized micros and showed their teachers some of the possibilities. Gradually, during 1983 to 1986 computers began to creep into ordinary classrooms and into special computer centres.

Today, most schools use their limited computing resources intelligently. The majority of schools have at least two or three members of staff who have been "converted" to the use of computers and in follow-up subsidy schemes the Department of Trade and Industry has now provided the peripheral computing items such as printers, disk-drives and modems which turn an otherwise almost useless machine into a powerful educational tool.

In the early days of the Government subsidy three brands of microcomputer became popular in British schools. These were the BBC Micro, computers made by Research Machines Ltd and the Sinclair ZX Spectrum.

Today the educational market place for computers has changed drastically. The Sinclair Spectrum is no longer a contender and although BBC and Research Machines still dominate, many schools are now considering the relative merits of machines from companies such as Apple, Atari and Commodore.

A few years ago the concept of school computer studies was that groups of 16-year-olds (mostly boys) should be taught how to program micros in a computer language called Basic. The computers were used for little else. But despite this pursuit only a very small percentage of pupils went on to become professional computer programmers.



At the secondary level computing is following the same pattern as other technology subjects. Employers are demanding that pupils are taught relevant computer skills and today computers in schools are being used in very similar ways to their functions in commerce and industry. Pupils are using the micros for electronic-mail, for word processing, for developing business plans, for building and searching databases and as tools to assist in subjects as diverse as history and physics. It has at last been realized that the microcomputer is useful in all areas of the curriculum.

As a result of this broadening of computer usage, schools are now diversifying in their choice of new computer equipment. The Government's half-price subsidy was scrapped in 1986, but where the government faltered other computer companies were quick to seize the opportunity.

Companies such as Amstrad are also benefitting as schools begin to buy computers of a type the children will have to use when they enter work. IBM-compatible micros dominate in the business community and more schools are buying "industry standard" machines, software and printers.

Some pupils are now lucky enough to be taught to use the important software packages such as Lotus 1-2-3, Wordstar and desk-top publishing programs while still at school and these children are able to take their pick of employers. As the computer revolution continues, most schools have now realized that the most important aim is to provide children with a range of computer-use skills that can be offered to employers along with traditional academic qualifications.

On the road with a micro

Six years ago Ron Denney, a Bedfordshire schools inspector, had a brainwave. His problem was finding ways to get expensive technological equipment into the schools in his area.

Shortage of money prevented schools buying the necessary equipment and he hit on the idea of equipping a re-conditioned bus with microcomputers and taking the unit around his schools so that they could all share the scarce facilities.

That simple idea has caught on so well that Ron Denney now finds himself in a second career. He has been seconded to the British Schools Technology (BST) programme and over the last two years he and his team have produced 50 specially-equipped buses which are now touring Britain's schools and colleges.

In addition to making the maximum use of expensive technical equipment, Mr Denney and his BST team have discovered that the buses also serve as ideal training centres for teaching staff and, at a stroke, he has solved one of the biggest problems besetting British education: how to provide teachers with in-service training without disrupting the schools in the process.

At the moment there is a drastic shortage of technological skills among the teaching population and although there is no shortage of willing teachers, the rapid development of high-tech industry has led to a situation in which children are leaving school with little relevant vocational training.

Although facilities exist to re-train teachers, the problem is the disruption caused when a teacher leaves a school to attend a training course. Many teachers do take time away from their schools to attend residential courses such as those run by BST, Local Education Authorities and other bodies, but many teachers who are keen to add technical knowledge to their list of skills can't be spared for a full-time re-training course.

"At first we thought the idea might be seen as a gimmick, but the enthusiasm of teachers and children has been sustained over many years. One indication of their success is that there has never been a single case of vandalism and we get a strong feeling that everybody is delighted when the bus arrives. It provides a fresh and exciting environment to learn fresh and exciting things."

The idea has also attracted a lot of attention from business and commerce and many companies and organizations have sponsored buses to be built. One of the first was a bus built for the Avon Education Authority and which was sponsored by British Aerospace.

Other sponsors have included the EEC, ICI, BP and many other companies which have a strong interest in ensuring that today's children are provided with the skills which will make them attractive employees in the future.

The buses cost between £20,000 and £50,000 to build, depending on the sophistication of technological equipment installed. The buses themselves are built from re-conditioned 10 year-old chassis with new coach-work. BST are world leaders in designing mobile education centres.

The official BST programme is now ending, but the firm is continuing to provide its mobile technology unit service and the organization has orders for buses to keep it busy until the end of the year.

"We have about 28 people working on the conversions", said Mr Denney. "We have been able to re-employ several bus and coach builders who had been made redundant and we are also using quite a few sub-contractors to help us build the vehicles to the clients' specifications.

"We offer a complete interior design service including advice about the type of technological equipment to be installed and we even offer a complete livery service for designing and painting the outside of the bus."

New coachwork on old chassis

Dial Neris for your computer 'alphabet'

On-line computer communications has a vital role to play in improving the teaching of all forms of technology in British schools. Using the ordinary public telephone system, teachers can now make use of their school microcomputers to seek out teaching materials for technical and scientific subjects and to communicate with the rest of the educational system.

An initiative by the Department of Trade and Industry last year provided 12,000 modems to British schools (a modem is a device which links microcomputers to the telephone system) and although no additional funding for the increased cost of telephone usage has been provided, most of the important information sources about education is available via a local telephone call, no matter where in the country the school is situated.

Two months ago a new national database service designed specifically to assist in the teaching of technology subjects became available for use. Called Neris (the National Education Resource Information Service), the new service is now available via *The Times* Network System, an electronic-mail and database delivery service which has been serving education for over two years. Neris is also accessible via British Telecom's Prestel service.

Neris will become a very important information source for all areas of education over the next few years, but the development team's initial brief has been to concentrate on gathering information which will be of use to teachers of the technology subjects.

The new database has been established by a small team working at a centre near Milton Keynes and it runs on a Sperry 1100 Series mainframe housed at the Open University. This machine also plays host to the ECTIS database which offers students and careers officers information about further education courses available in Britain. ECTIS is another information source available via *The Times* Network System.

The Neris project has been funded with an initial grant of £1 million from the Department of Trade and Industry, but by this time next year the government is expecting the service to become self-sufficient. From Spring 1988 Neris will have to find between £400,000 and £500,000 annually to maintain and build the operation.

Neris is a database which holds information about learning materials. If, for example, physics teachers want to know what resources are available for a study of space flight, they can specify "space flight" as a subject, provide the age range of the pupils and the database will provide an instant list of books, audio-visual materials, films, videos, pamphlets and software which are available on the topic. The information displayed on the Prestel-type screen display used by Neris includes full details of the publisher, the price and a complete description of the material.

Instant list of books from the database

In the case of software the Neris database is actually able to deliver the program to the teacher via the telephone line and the school computer system can store the information on disk for later recall. Many of the computer programs available on Neris are in the public domain and are available to teachers free of charge.

To enter Neris from either *The Times* Network Service or Prestel the users simply type " Neris " and they are then provided with a menu selection from which to begin their search. The Neris project offers training packs for new users and the service has been designed so that teachers who are unused to on-line information retrieval techniques can use the service with the minimum of learning time. Access to Neris is free and although the service must become self-funding in the future, it is unlikely that there will ever be a charge to users.

While Neris provides much needed information about resources, The Times Network System (usually called TTNS) provides a new means of communication for British schools. Operating on British Telecom's national PSS (Packet Switch Stream) network, the "mail box" and "message board" element of TTNS is easy to use.

British Telecom have provided access points to their PSS network in nearly all major towns in Britain and this allows schools to use both national and international electronic-mail facilities for the price of a local phone call plus a small additional charge for the PSS service.

As well as providing access to databases such as Neris , TTNS also helps with educational communication for school administrators, teachers and pupils. Using the electronic-mail facility of the service schools can circulate other schools with news or requests and can partake in the new phenomenon of the on-line computer conference in which several computer users scattered around the country communicate electronically.

● For more information about Neris ring 05252 5364. Information about The Times Network Service can be obtained on 01-833 7104.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SERVICE

ON-LINE SUPPORT FOR THE TEACHER AND THE CURRICULUM

On the 23rd February the Minister of State for Industry and Information Technology Mr Geoffrey Pattie launched the first phase of NERIS, the National Educational Resources Information Service. NERIS will provide the educational world with a powerful and comprehensive database of curriculum materials and information.

Aimed at teachers and others concerned with curriculum development it will provide and easy and efficient means of accessing information and learning materials that are currently held in hundreds of different locations.

The setting up of NERIS by the Industry Education Unit (IEU) of the Department of Trade & Industry is seen as a step towards the provision of a much needed facility.

Starting with a concern to improve access to industry related materials, the IEU is now supporting the much wider concept of a cross-curriculum database with the potential to assist teachers across a very broad spectrum.

Under the direction of Dr Eric Bates the IEU has been heavily involved in recent years in the provision of computers and software to schools. In April 1986 the DTI announced that development work would commence on the creation of a computerised database concerned with the curriculum of our schools. The aim being to provide not only a single point of reference for those seeking information about learning materials but also, a simple means of delivering by electronic means, appropriate materials for modification or immediate use by teachers.

The identification of learning materials that are up to date and which meet the needs of pupils is a task faced by teachers in all phases of education. It is a one that makes considerable demands on time and energy and even with the best motivation there is no guarantee that a teacher will be able to find all or even most of the materials that are currently available on a given topic.

Even more difficult is the task of discovering the location and nature of the many curriculum development projects that exist locally and nationally. It is to assist teachers to overcome these problems that NERIS is working with many educational bodies.

WHO IS NERIS INTENDED FOR?

Most of the information and materials contained in the database will be provided for teachers. Initially emphasis will be placed on secondary education and on the sciences in particular. As the range of information providers widens, so the database will become more comprehensive in terms of its contents and the age range for whom teaching materials are intended.

It is hoped that teachers in all phases of education and those involved in curriculum development, and in teacher training will find NERIS a valuable tool and will wish to co-operate in its development. NERIS will offer opportunities for teachers to share not only materials but also ideas and experiences.

THE NERIS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The Woburn based design team have been released from eduation authorities where they have been successful in the fields of information technology, teacher inset and curriculum development. Their experience of the educational system spans both the primary and secondary sectors and extends into adult and special education. Several consultants and experts from the Open University provide computer expertise which draws heavily on the successful experiences of the ECCTIS database.

The location of NERIS in the quiet grounds of Maryland College, which serves as an adult education and in-service centre for the teachers of Bedfordshire Education Service provides the small development team with several advantages, including access to major road and rail communications, and to the Open University computer where the NERIS data is held.

Not all the expertise required to set up a national database can be focussed on the development centre in Woburn. To overcome this, many tasks are contracted out to LEAs, universities and other bodies throughout the UK. The enthusiasm for the concept of NERIS has guaranteed that there is no shortage of offers of co-operation. This support was most clearly demonstrated by teachers and librarians when the first part of the NERIS system was trialled in 14 education authorities.

In recent weeks it has been decided to establish regional centres for NERIS in Wales and Scotland. These will focus on extending the scope of the information network and assisting in the dissemination programme. They will be based on the existing offices of MEU Cymru in Cardiff and SCET in Glasgow.

WHAT WILL NERIS PROVIDE?

With changes in courses and teaching methods there has been a dramatic increase in the range of materials used in teaching and learning. Whilst these include text books and library books, to these traditional sources have been added film, video, sound tapes, computer programs, multi media packs, information packs, teacher produced resource packs and assignments and many others.

The NERIS database can hold learning materials in their entirety and these can be downloaded directly to schools. These materials might include worksheets, teacher notes, pupil assignments, data sheets, case studies, reviews, abstracts etc. in addition to text it is planned to include graphics and coded data.

Bibliographic and other educational information will be included with comments by teachers on their practical use of material where these are available. In addition to references to various learning media the database will also contain information about people, places and other databases. This will enable teachers to identify local and national developments and to make contact with sources of expertise and advice.

WHO IS PROVIDING THE DATA?

The NERIS team is in the process working with others in the educational and commercial sectors to establish a network of information providers (IPs).

Initial reactions both from the educational and commercial world have been overwhelming and over 150 information providers have already been accepted. These include teacher groups, exam boards, educational publishers, LEA curriculum and resource centres, curriculum development agencies, educational trusts, government departments, other databases, special projects, subject and professional associations. The list is growing by the week.

Access to NERIS for those wishing to use it to disseminate materials or information is not automatic. All IPs have to meet set criteria before being accepted and depending upon their nature and status, their data may require validation before being included in the database. The creation of a validation network based within the educational world and including university and education departments, LEAs, specialist centres and subject associations and other agencies, is one of the urgent tasks facing NERIS if the data quality is to be maintained.

GAINING ACCESS TO NERIS

As with any on-line database NERIS requires the use of computer equipment, a modem and a telephone line. Access to NERIS has been built around computer technology already to be found in the majority of schools. Modems and additional telephone lines are likely to make demands on school finance although the DTI has provided LEAs with large numbers of modems within the last year.

In the near future it is hoped that users will be able to make a direct dial call to the database at local call charge rate. Currently access is available through PRESTEL EDUCATION. Further access through The Times Network Systems should be available before Easter. Both of these services require subscriptions and provide a range of facilities that complement NERIS.

SEARCHING THE DATABASE

One of the earliest achievements of the NERIS team has been the development of a record structure which has gained widespread acceptance. This ensures that users are presented with data in a common format and this adds to the ease with which the database can be used. Three levels of search technique are intended to cater for differing user demands and levels of expertise. The first level to be made available is aimed at first-time users who are not familiar with on-line computer systems. Requiring only simple language to use it provides access to a very powerful system.

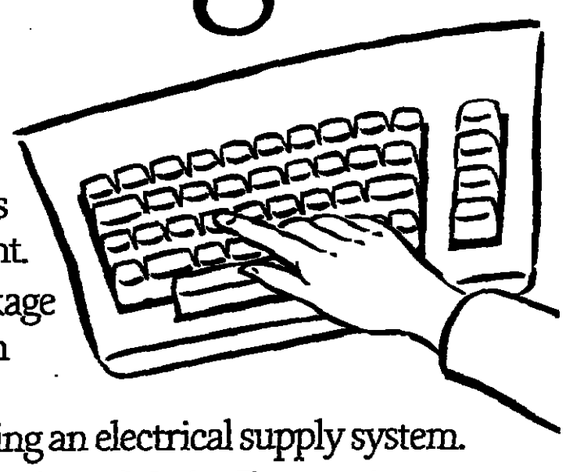
THE FUNDING OF NERIS

Initial development work is being funded by the DTI and has the support of the DES. It is the intention that NERIS will work towards a position where it is self-financing by the time the period of central funding ends in March 1988.

Whilst a number of smaller educational databases are available to teachers, these have not attempted to draw together the multitude of information sources that teachers and others require in order to produce the broad and relevant curriculum by our children if they are to meet the demands of a changing world. NERIS has been set up to fulfil this need with the co-operation of both the educational and commercial sectors.

Further information may be obtained from The Director, NERIS c/o Maryland College, Woburn MK17 9JD.

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LONDON

☆ **DECADENCE:** Revival of Steven Berkoff's ferocious study of the upper classes. With Linda Marlowe. Limited season, proving very popular.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8.30-10.10pm, matinée Sat 5-6.40pm. £4.50-£10.50, until April 25.

★ **THE EMPEROR:** The last days of Haile Selassie, adapted for the stage by Michael Hastings and Jonathan Miller. Sold out until end of run.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, matinée Sat 3.30-5.30pm. £3-£5, until April 11.

☆ **FAIR MAID OF THE WEST:** Imelda Staunton as the pirate queen in Thos Heywood's comedy of love and high jinks on the high seas. An RSC production.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, London EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.45pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 2-5.15pm, £4.50-£12.50.

☆ **THE HENRYS:** Michael Bogdanov's impressive productions of Shakespeare's Henry plays, with Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V, and John Woodvine as Falstaff.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7616, cc 01-261 1821). Tube: Waterloo. *Henry IV* part 1 Wed 2.30-5.30pm and Fri 7.30-10.30pm, *Sat 10.30am-1.30pm*, *Henry IV* part 2 Wed 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 3-6pm, *Henry V* today, Tues and Thurs 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 7.45-10.45pm, £3-£10.50 (special ticket for all three plays £24), until May 2.

☆ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter.
Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, London SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.45-7.15pm, £7.50-£18.50.

★ **MACBETH:** Adrian Noble's imaginative production from Stratford '86; Jonathan Pryce a ferocious regicide. Sold out until June.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Mon and Tues, Thurs-Sat *7.30-9.50pm*, Wed 7-9.20pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 2-4.20pm. £5.50-£12, until July 4.

☆ **MARCH OF THE FALSETTOS:** The zippy, witty musical by William Finn concerning the home life of New York bisexuals.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-9.15pm, Fri and Sat 7.30-8.45pm and 9.30-10.45pm, £5-£12.50.

☆ **NUNSENSE:** Off-Broadway musical set in a convent; jokes about dead nuns.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, *London WC2 (01-836 2238).* Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8.10-10.20pm, Sat 8.30-10.50pm, matinées Thurs and Sat 3-5.20pm. £5-£13.50.

☆ **SERIOUS MONEY:** Caryl Churchill's musical play about the Big Bang and City greed.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm, £3-£9.

☆ **THREE SISTERS:** Strongly cast Chekhov in a new translation by Michael Frayn.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwich. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, matinée Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £3-£7.50.

☆ **WOMAN IN MIND:** Poignant Ayckbourn drama with award-winning Julia McKenzie as a wife at her wits' end.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£12.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ★ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ *Phantom of the Opera: Sold out* until October Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 9845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: ★ **King Lear:** Sir Anthony Quayle leads a strong cast in Compass Theatre's nationwide tour. Sold out all week.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (0225 65065). Tues and Wed 7.30-*10.30pm, Thurs, Fri and Sat* 8-11pm, £6-£8, until April 4.

BOLTON: ☆ **Black Star:** New play by David Pownall about Ira Aldridge, the first great black actor, meeting prejudice and censorship on his Polish tour.
Octagon Theatre, Howell Croft South (0204 20661). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, £2.20-£4.50, until April 4.

HARLOW: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Michael Maloney plays Ibsen's feckless hero in Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production.
Playhouse Theatre, The High (0279 31945). Mon-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £2.95-£4.45, until April 4.

LEEDS: ☆ **Prawda:** Philip Voss plays the colonial newspaper tycoon in a famous tale of old Fleet Street.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111), Mon and Tues 8-10.40pm, Wed-Sat 7.30-10.10pm, matinée Sat 3-5.20pm, 28 march. £4-£5.50, until April 4.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **Comedians:** Trevor Griffiths's 1975 play *The Comedians* re-written for women performers. With Cheryl Maiker, Jenny LeCoat and Ann Mitchell.
Everyman Theatre, Hope Street (051 709 4776). Tues-Sat 8-*10.20pm*, £2.50-*£4.50, until May 2.*

RICHMOND: ☆ **Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead:** The Oblivion Boys play the two *attendant lords and Lionel Blair the* Player King.
Richmond Theatre, Richmond Green (01-940 0088). Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, matinée Wed and Thurs 2-4.30pm, £3-£8.50, until April 4.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **Pawnbroker Hocks the Moon:** Sheffield 50 years ago when rearmament brought jobs back to the steelworks and idealism took men out to Spain.
Crucible Studio Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50, until April 4.



Bleak but dramatically pointed and often witty, *Fatherland* unites the very different talents of the screen-writer Trevor Griffiths and the director Kenneth Loach in sympathetic mistrust of political establishments of every kind. Their hero, a dissident East German singer (played by Gerulf Pannach, above), finds when he reaches the West that he is being used as a pawn in the Cold War game.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

84 CHARING CROSS ROAD (U): The story of the transatlantic romance between Helene Hanff (Anne Bancroft), book-crazed New Yorker, and a retiring London antiquarian bookseller (Anthony Hopkins). David Jones directs the tasteful drama (99 min).
☎ **Curzon Mayfair** (01-499 3737). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents *emotionally involved with a former* pupil (Marlee Matlin) (113 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 3.00, 5.35, 8.15.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
☎ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **THE COLOR OF MONEY (15):** Paul Newman returns to the pool table in a belated sequel to *The Hustler*. Martin Scorsese works *hard whipping up excitement* as Fast Eddie Nelson tries to get back into the game, spurred by jealousy of a young protégé played by Tom Cruise (119 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.15.
☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 2.15, 5.45, 8.40.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.40, 5.10, 8.10.

COME AND SEE (15): Powerful Soviet film about Nazi atrocities in Byelorussia directed by Elem Klimov. With *Alexei Krawchenko as* the teenager wandering through a nightmare of blood and bullets (142 min).
☎ **Curzon Phoenix,** Charing Cross Road (01-240 9661). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.20.

FATHERLAND (15): (see caption).
ICA (01-930 3647). Progs 4.30, 6.45, 9.00.

THE FOURTH PROTOCOL (15): Old-fashioned entertainment based on Frederick Forsyth's novel about a Soviet plan to sabotage Nato. (119 min).
☎ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, cc 01-930 3232/01-839 1929). *Progs 1.15, 4.30, 7.45.*

■ **GOTHIC (18):** Ken Russell's film starts with the stormy gathering at Byron's Villa Diodati which inspired Mary Godwin's Frankenstein. With Gabriel Byrne, Natasha Richardson and Julian Sands (87 min).
☎ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691, cc 01-379 3014). *Progs 1.15, 3.10, 5.05, 7.05, 9.10.*

UN JOUR PINA A DEMANDE: Documentary about the unique choreographer Pina Bausch showing her dancers rehearsing, preparing and performing part of five major pieces (60 min).
Everyman (01-435 1525). Progs 2.05, 5.05, 8.00.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (PG): Eccentric story of a boy, a girl and a *man-eating plant.* Lavishly designed. With Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and many cameo appearances. Directed by Muppet man Frank Oz (94 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.45.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

THE SACRIFICE (15): Andrei Tarkovsky's testament — a starkly beautiful parable, shot in Sweden, with Erland Josephson as the intellectual hero facing the world's end (149 min).
☎ *Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs* 2.10, 5.05, 8.10.

SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT (18): Cheeky, rough and ready American independent film about the sexual adventures of a black girl in Brooklyn. Written and directed by Spike Lee (84 min).
☎ **Gate Cinema** (01-727 4043). Progs 3.00, 4.30, 5.05, 7.40, 9.25, **Metro** (01-437 0757). Progs 2.30, 4.15, 5.00, 7.45, 9.30.
☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). *Progs 3.40, 5.25, 7.20, 9.15.*

STAND BY ME (15): The adventures of four small-town adolescent boys in the summer of 1959. The film has a soundtrack decorated with period pop tunes. Directed by Rob Reiner (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). *Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.*
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.

■ **WHOOPS APOCALYPSE (15):** Determinedly outrageous and undisciplined comedy lampooning international politics. Based on the TV series. With Peter Cook, Rik Mayall and Alexei Sayle (91 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30, 10.35.

WORKING GIRLS (18): A documentary-style treatment of New York's middle-class prostitutes, coolly observed by feminist director Lizzie Borden. *Louise Smith heads a cast of* professional actresses (90 min).
☎ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443). Progs 3.00, 4.55, 6.55, 9.00
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.45, 4.45, 6.45, 8.45.

OPERA

☆ **SILVERLAKE:** Kurt Weill's "winter's tale" of private passions and public morality with its vision of *a new society. A rare staging by* Abbey Opera as part of the Camden Festival (see caption).
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629/01-388 1394). 7.30-10pm, £6-£12.

☆ **THE CONSUL:** Menotti's opera of bureaucracy in a police state *performed by students in Stefan* Janski's production.
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504). 7.15-10pm, £3.50-£6.

☆ **RUDDIGORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera tour Ian Judge's handsome and witty production of the G & S mock-melodrama, strongly cast and well sung.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Street, Norwich (0603 622805). 7.30-10.20pm, £5.50-£12.

★ **RIGOLETTO:** Puppets rule the puppet-masters in Richard Jones's production for Opera 80, nearing the end of its tour.
Civic Theatre, Graham Street, Scunthorpe (0724 840883). 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£4.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **MALCOLM BINNS:** César Franck's *Prélude, aria et finale,* Debussy's *Children's Corner* and *L'isle joyeuse* plus Fauré's Nocturne Op 33 No 2 are performed by the pianist Malcolm Binns.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £2.50.

☆ **RALPH MEANLEY:** This baritone, accompanied by Timothy Dean, sings "I feel, I feel" from Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus,* Schubert's *Die Taubenpost,* Schumann's *Belsazar,* Stanford's Songs of the Sea.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-1.55pm, free.

☆ **CHIVERS'S CHOICE:** The guitarist Dana Chivers and others play Beethoven's Trio Op 8 in the little known arrangement by Wenzelzas Matiegka and Schubert's *Arpeggione Sonata.*
American Church in London, 79 Tottenham Court Road, London WC1 (01-580 2791), 1.05-1.50pm, free.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top ten television programmes in the week ending March 22:

	BBC 1	BBC 2
1	EastEnders Thurs/Sun 23.85m	Moonlighting 6.35m
2	EastEnders Tues/Sun 23.75m	Grange Hill 5.9m
3	Arrows Roadshow 14.85m	The Ambushers 4.95m
4	Bob Says Opportunity Knocks 14.05m	Gardeners' World 4.95m
5	Bergerac 14m	French and Saunders 4.8m
6	Don't Wait Up 13.95m	Jabberwocky 4.2m
7	A Question of Sport 12.60m	The Bride of Fu Manchu 4m
8	One By One 11.70m	Horizon Mon/Fri 3.95m
9	Holiday '87 Tues/Wed 11.55m	The First Eden 3.95m
10	Last of the Summer Wine 11.45m	Heart of the Country 3.85m
		Forty Minutes 3.85m
	ITV	Channel 4
1	Coronation Street Mon Granada 16.75m	Brookside Mon/Sat 6.5m
2	Coronation Street Wed Granada 16.5m	Treasure Hunt 6.35m
3	Dr No ITV 14.8m	Brookside Tues/Sat 6.3m
4	Wish You Were Here Mon/Fri Thames 13.2m	No Surrender 5.35m
5	Soon Central 12.35m	Cheers 4m
6	The A-Team ITV 12.3m	The Waltons 3.25m
7	The Equalizer ITV 11.75m	Countdown Wed 3.2m
8	Esmeralda Farm Tues Yorkshire 11.7m	Countdown Mon 3.1m
9	This Is your Life Thames 11.6m	Countdown Thurs 3.1m
10	Crossroads Tues Central 11.55m	Mortal Stanmidge 3.1m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - *the number of people who viewed for at* least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1.3m (6.1m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.7m (10.9m) Sat 3.3m (7.8m) Sun 3m
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

EVENING

☆ **NEW BLUES:** Peter Dickinson's *Hymns, Rags and Blues* receives its UK premiere from the Verdehr Trio, as do Thea Musgrave's *Pierrot* and Ned Rorem's *End of Summer.*
St John's Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50 and £4.50.

☆ **OPUS 20:** *This fine string* ensemble performs Stravinsky's Concerto in D, Nicholas Maw's *Life Studies,* Michael Blake Watkins's *Clouds and Eclipses* and the London premiere of his *Somalia.* Scott Stroman conducts.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.

☆ **SAWA'S SZYMANOWSKI:** The violinist Kazuki Sawa plays Szymanowski's marvellous *Mythes,* also Ravel's Sonata, Mozart's Sonata K 454 and Brahms's Sonata Op 78. Hiromi Okada is at the piano.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£4.50.

DANCE

★ **SWAN LAKE:** Cynthia Harvey and Jonathan Cope dance the leads tonight in Anthony Dowell's production for the Royal Ballet.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.20pm, £1 (bad view)-£22.50.

☆ **CEREMONIES:** Christopher Bruce's comic and erotic revelation of the beast inside civilized people is given by Ballet Rambert with *Richard Austin's Java and Mary* Evelyn's *Dipping Wings.*
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 539797). 7.30-9.30pm, £3.50-£7.50.

JAZZ

☆ **ELVIN JONES:** *His Jazz* Machine is always a group worth hearing, on this occasion particularly for the fluent alto saxophone and flute of Sonny Fortune, but the real focal point is Jones himself, a drummer whose volcanic playing with the late John Coltrane's quartet set the style for a generation.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£2 members).

☆ **DICK HECKSTALL-SMITH:** One of the original members of Alexis Korner's pioneering Blues Incorporated in the early Sixties, Heckstall-Smith's rough-and-*tumble saxophone reached a mass* audience with Jon Hiseman's Colosseum the following decade. Now he guests with Julian Bahula's Afro-jazz combo, Electric Dream, in a benefit for South African trade unions.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933), 8pm, £5.

ROCK

★ **LEVEL 42:** *"Running in the Family"* went straight into the chart at number two, confirming the perennial popularity of Mark King's *pop-funk fusionists.*
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234), 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50, also tomorrow.

★ **THE CULT:** *From their Bradford* days as the Southern Death Cult, to the current Rick Rubin-inspired gothic metal crossover, Ian Astbury and Co have confounded negative critical expectations as surely as they have gathered hordes of devoted followers.
De Montfort Hall, Granville Road, Leicester (0533 544444) 6.30pm, £6.

☆ **THE STRANGLERS:** The bald aggression that characterized their early hits circa 1977 has been replaced by a suave sophistication, reflected in the jazzy Booker T riff on the current single "Shakin' like a Leaf". Support is the vaunted power-pop *combo Hurrah!*
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7pm, £8.50-£7.50. Also tomorrow.

☆ **GARY MOORE:** The Irish guitarist who came to prominence with Thin Lizzy and Colosseum II, and has enjoyed recent hits with *"Out in the Fields"* and *"Over the* Hills and far Away".
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091 261 2606) 7.30pm, £7-£8.

GALLERIES

ART AFTER HOURS: Eleven artists, including Jock McFayden and Peter Howson, exhibit their narrative paintings about urban life in a nightclub.
Limelight, 136 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-434 1761). Tues, Fri and Sat noon-5pm (free) and every night from 9pm, until April 4.

TEN BELOW: Ten graduating painters and sculptors from Bristol Polytechnic show their work at the beginning of the new season for art college degree shows.
The Crypt, St George's Bloomsbury, Bloomsbury Way, London WC1, daily 11am-7pm, free, until April 12.

CLAIRE SMITH: Broadly executed, turbulent landscapes suggesting hot passions and psychological disquiet.
Icon Gallery, 58-72 John Bright Street, Birmingham (021 643 0708), Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until April 18.

BRITISH ART IN THE 20TH CENTURY: The last week for this massive, polemical, but still immensely popular, survey. Try not to miss it.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), daily 10am-6pm, £3.75, until April 5.

FROM BYZANTIUM TO EL GRECO: Seventy icons and frescos from the more remote churches of Greece including a recently discovered youthful work by El Greco.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), Daily 10am-6pm, £2.50, until June 21.

NAUM GABO: A show of late rare monoprinted wood engravings by the revolutionary sculptor who currently has a retrospective at the Tate Gallery.
Kettle's Yard, Castle Street, Cambridge (0223 352124), Tues-Sat 12.30-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until April 26.

100 PER CENT COTTON: Sixty T-shirts demonstrate the changes in art, fashion and taste since 1964.
Cleveland Gallery, Victoria Gallery, Middlesborough (0642 248155), *Tues-Sat noon-7pm, free, until April* 18.

WALKS

LIFE IN MEDIEVAL LONDON — PLAGUE AND PROSPERITY: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

INSIDE DICKENS'S LONDON — GRAYS INN TO DICKENS'S HOUSE: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON 1666: meet Tower Hill tube, 11am (ends in a pub), £2.50.

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

JEWISH EAST END — ROOTS IN TIMELESS STREETS: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

THE FAMOUS SHERLOCK HOLMES DETECTIVE TRAIL: meet Baker Street tube, 7.30pm, £2.

TALKS

FRENCH AND FLEMISH TAPESTRIES (1400-1700): Lecture by Joanna Booth on the history of tapestries, including the famous weaving centres of Aubusson, Gobelins and Audenarde.
Norland Interiors, 124 Holland Park Avenue, London W11 (01-221 6735), 7pm, entrance £17.50 includes a glass of wine and fork supper.

WORLD PEACE — A MIRAGE OR REALITY: Talk by Rev Donald Reeves, Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly. Organized by World Goodwill.
Charing Cross Hotel, Strand, London WC2 (info 01-839 4512). 6.30pm, free.

THE BRITISH LIBRARY ANNUAL DAINTON LECTURE: Inaugural lecture by Lord Dainton entitled "Knowledge is power".
The Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1, 7pm. Free but ring the British Library (01-323 7113) to book.

OTHER EVENTS

THE ENGLISH SEASON: The English summer as seen through the eyes and lens of Homer Sykes.
National Theatre, Upper Ground, London SE1 (01-633 0880), today until May 9. Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, free.

ART HISTORY BOOK FAIR: Last day of this specialist fair with books, catalogues, magazines and *audio visual material relating to* architecture, painting, photography, film, sculpture, design and crafts.
Raphael Cartoon Room, Victoria & Albert Museum, London SW7 (01-589 6371), *10am-4pm, free.*

QUILTERS GUILD PATCHWORK EXHIBITION: Fine examples of patchwork, quilting and appliqué *made by members of the Quilters* Guild. The work, selected from nine regional shows, demonstrates both traditional and modern techniques.
Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (01-580 5533). Today and tomorrow (last day) 10am-5pm. Adult £2.50, student £1.50.

A WORKING THEATRE: *Exhibition* of paintings by Jim Russell created at the Young Vic over an 18-month period.
National Theatre, Upper Ground, London SE1 (01-633 0880). Today until May 2. Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, free.

CAPE SLIDE PRESENTATION: Manuscripts and their place in medieval art (11am), manuscripts of Anglo-Saxon England (12.30pm), the Easter story in medieval *manuscripts;* The Passion, (2pm).
British Library, Great Russell Street, London, WC1 (01-636 1544).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

OEDIPUS: Public booking from today for Sophocles tragedy in new translation by Christopher Stace, combining *Oedipus the King* and *Oedipus at Colonus.* May 21-June 20.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, Manchester (061 833 9833).

HARROGATE SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL: General booking opens today for performances by English Chamber Orchestra, Gabrieli String *Quartet and* London Mozart *Players.* May 7-10.
Royal Baths, Harrogate (0423 65757).

BALMORAL: General booking opens today for Michael Frayn comedy based on Communist revolution set in 1930s Britain. May 6-30.
Theatre Royal, *Old Vic, King Street,* Bristol (0272 284388).

LAST CHANCE

DAZZLE: First exhibition at RFH of innovative modern jewellery by young British designers' group, using gold, silver, enamel, plastics, metal and wood. Work for sale. Ends today.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002).

ROGER DE GREY AND FLAVIA IRWIN: Landscape paintings done in south-west France by the President of the Royal Academy and his wife. Ends tomorrow.
Gallery 10, 10 Grosvenor Street, London W1 (01-491 8103).

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 16VN 406665 (the winner comes from Blackpool); £50,000: 4BZ 154704 (London Borough of Enfield); £25,000: 28TL 498135 (Surrey).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891 Tom 7.45 THE SPINNERS in Concert.

ETON COLLEGE: An Inaugural Concert for College Chapel Organ in memory of David Maddison will be held on Saturday 2nd May at 8.15 pm. Tickets (free) from School Chpl., Eton College, Windsor SL4 6DV. (encl S.A.E.)

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 5 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tomor 8.00 Tosca (PLEASE NOTE LATER STARTING TIME. Perf now ends 10.45). Wed 7.30 The Mikado.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/ 1911. Lobby info 836 0903 5 CC Tickets £1-£22.50 (ballet) £2-£25.50 (Opera) 66 single seats avail on the day. Tom 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET LET Swan Lake Ballet casting info: 01 240 9815. Wed 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA The King of Scots in Premiere.

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THE ARTS

The best of luck

On Saturday Michael Parkinson returned with *One-to-One* (YTV) and the stated aim of interviewing those who have enjoyed "outstanding success in their careers". This description would of course apply also to the presenter. "I always said you were the best, Michael", Jack Lemmon reciprocally gushed, "and you are."

Mr Parkinson's method is to invite immodesty in his guests by telling them how marvellous or alternatively wonderful they are, and then to prime the pump of reminiscence by asking about their

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most influential – er, influences. (Vocabulary is not *his strong suit.*) *Once the* anecdotal re-runs are in full chortling spate, he steals sidelong glances at the audience to reassure himself that they appreciate just how marvellous or wonderful the spectacle is.

In the last episode of *The First Eden* (BBC2, yesterday) our favourite naturalist inveighed against the despoliation of the Mediterranean by its most powerful inhabitant. "Another honey buzzard", observed David Attenborough as *that bird sailed over an illegal* shooting platform in Sicily; two shotgun barrels fired; "a dead honey buzzard". The most poignant shot was that of a horseshoe-shaped trail, discovered on a beach by day, which showed that in the night a loggerhead turtle had emerged from the sea to lay her eggs, and was repelled by *high-decibel disco music.*

There followed an adaptation of Simon Gray's allegedly Chekhovian play *Quartermaine's Terms*, in which Edward Fox resumed his original stage role as the dozy and terribly pleasant language-school teacher who provides *the still eye of his colleagues'* storms. Of necessity, this highly idealized character cannot significantly influence the action except perhaps through his tiresome forgetfulness: one was left with two hours of Mr Fox's elaborate, if not to say laboured, mannerisms. Neither he nor his sterling supporting company (Paul Jesson outstanding) transcended the piece's claustrophobic staginess.

Martin Cropper

Vigorous drama of a new élite

THEATRE

Serious Money
Royal Court

Caryl Churchill's post-Big Bang "city comedy" is a piece in the great Royal Court tradition: an angry, witty front-line report on Britain, introducing characters and environments new to the theatre that affect all our lives. It is also staged and cast with high-gloss precision.

Its main location is the floor of the London International Fortunes Exchange (LIFE), which, in Peter Hartwell's set, appears as a beargarden of internationally linked phones and VDUs backed with a wall-length wine rack. Orchestrated *pandemonium reigns among* Max Stafford-Clark's company for some moments before the penny drops, and these multi-million pound dealers emerge as former street traders. The manipulation of stock, it seems, is no longer an occupation for gentlemen.

The exceptions are *Scilla*, a stockbroker's daughter, and her *insider-dealing* brother Jake, who meets a mysterious death while under investigation by the Department of Trade and Industry. Two plot-lines develop: Scilla's pursuit of the killer, and a ruthless take-over campaign against a luckless soft-drinks company by a "*corporate raider*" called Corman.

The opening extract from Shadwell's *The Stockjobbers*, 1692 (with a party of bewigged punters hoping to strike it rich with a patent mousetrap), sets up the model for Miss Churchill's play: a modern Restoration exercise (much of it in distancing rhymed doggerel), crammed with intrigue and counter-intrigue, displaying the manners of the new élite. The difference is that, even by Restoration standards, *Serious Money* leaves its plots unresolved. The killing remains a mystery. And, just as Corman seems about to suffer the just fate of being taken over himself, the author intervenes and fells him with a government ultimatum. After the Guinness affair and in the run-up to an election, it is' no time for greed. The contradiction in the play is that it consists of two fables that engage your sympathies (or hostilities), and also depicts a real world in which the baddies are by no means likely to lose.

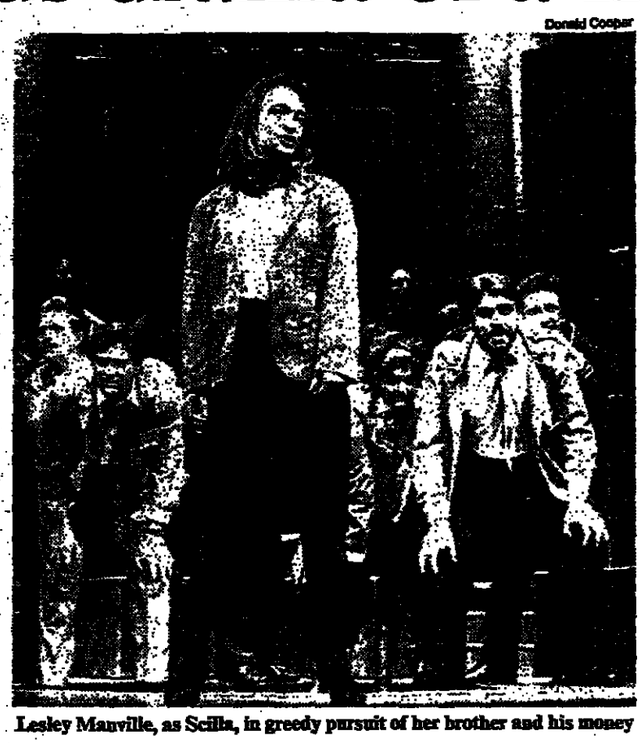
However, this is no great drawback to the conduct of the intrigues or the collisions between dealers of the old and new breed, which develop with tremendous pace and energy under the supervision of Alfred Molina – as an American banker brought in to run the take-over campaign. This is conducted in fearless transatlantic technicalities, involving a powerful New York arbitrageur and a "white knight" who leaps into battle in the *firm's defence.*

There are some marvellous individual scenes: such as an early equestrian gathering with dealers playing horses as well as themselves; an attempt by Gary Oldman's Atilla-like Corman to shed his villainous *public image with the aid of a* PR firm; and a love-scene between Molina and a Peruvian mine-owner (Meera Syal) conducted exclusively in the language of high finance (you can imagine this set by Gershwin).

It is a play on the manifold faces of greed in a country where "financial education is going in leaps and bounds with privatization". The faces sometimes become wholly repellent, *like that of* Lesley Manville, as Scilla, when her pursuit of her brother turns into a pursuit of his money. It can be almost attractive, as in Molina's whole-hearted New York devotion to the buck. As one character observes, "There's ugly greed; and there's sexy greed – which is the late Eighties".

Irving Wardle

Donald Cooper



Lesley Manville, as Scilla, in greedy pursuit of her brother and his money

OPERA

Turandot
Metropolitan, New York

By now, surely, everyone knows more or less what to expect when Franco Zeffirelli is turned loose, with $1 million or so to spend, at the Metropolitan Opera. One rightly anticipated that his new *Turandot* would inundate the stage with forces roughly equivalent to the population of modern-day China. Yet, *familiar as his variations on* the theme of opulence have become, his grandest strokes can still inspire awe.

Here, predictably enough, it was the scene-change in the second act. As the modest apartments of Ping, Pang and Pong were lifted away, the *imperial throne lurked behind* in gloomy silhouette; then a *sudden flood of light revealed* a vast chamber of almost unimaginable splendour, all in white and gold ivory.

Zeffirelli has scored similar points with audiences in the earlier instalments of his Puccini cycle at the Met, *Bohème and Tosca, but has been taken* sorely to task by the critics for overwhelming the dramatic action and the singing with spectacle. In Zeffirelli's sets and direction and in Dada Saligeri's costumes one can, of course, find much to criticize. But we need not be too reverential here; *if ever there* was a place for pageantry in *Puccini it is in Turandot, with* its regal setting, its mighty choruses and its emotions laid bare to the world. So perhaps we should at last let Zeffirelli be Zeffirelli. In any event, to judge from the continuing popular success of *Bohème* and *Tosca*, the Met has another blockbuster hit.

What gave all the spectacle *some point at the opening*, moreover, was the presence, for a change, of a solid cast of singers. Placido Domingo cut a striking figure as Calaf, and projected powerfully even when facing the back of that cavernous throne set. As misfortune would have it, however, *his* tone, otherwise appealing, splintered at the *climatic moment in* "Nessun dorma". One was reminded of a *Don Carlo* last season, when Shirley Verrett, singing beautifully, suffered a similar accident; given the vocal chaos around her, one was left then craving an evening at the Met when that would be accounted the worst disaster. *This Turandot* was such a one.

Eva Marton sang Turandot strongly if somewhat strident-ly; one does not expect ingratiating tone from her, and this role can do without it. Where *it was* needed, however, in the role of Liù, Leona Mitchell provided it, with secure, meltingly lovely tone at the service *of an utterly winning characterization.* The 85-year-old *Hugues Cuénod*, in his Met début, proved a colourful if appropriately feeble Emperor.

The Met chorus shone, as it generally does when featured prominently; one was reminded of its fine work in the most notable success of last season, *Khovanshchina.* The orchestra also played well, though some ragged ensemble from both chorus and orchestra suggested under-rehearsal. James Levine, generally not a conductor to be outstripped in impetuosity, lagged behind Domingo on occasion.

James R. Oestreich



Domingo's formidable Calaf

CONCERTS

Michelangeli
Barbican

There are really two reviews to be written about this concert. One consists, I hope, of objective observation; the other, which devotees of this artist will no doubt find heretical, raises a few questions that this supremely aristocratic playing nevertheless demands. But first things first.

Michelangeli, of course, sets his own standards of piano-playing. Nobody is more accurate, nobody more controlled, nobody more musical. And in this programme of Chopin, Debussy and Ravel the master duly delivered his rare cargo to an audience enraptured even before a note was played. Chopin's B flat minor Sonata contained poetry and grandeur in abundance, though, as always with this pianist, both were rigidly harnessed to an unfailing clarity of sound. Where most *ordinary virtuosi overwork* the heroics, the very effortlessness which Michelangeli here displayed made every note count, and the darkness came over as something deeply personal rather than extrovertly *melodramatic.*

Poise and control, not just *in his delivery of the right* notes at the right time, but also in his meticulously mixed tone-colours, were *likewise* hallmarks of Michelangeli's reading of Debussy's *Images* (both books), whose various *exquisite evocations* were wrought as if in the most delicate porcelain. Equally, in Ravel's *Valses nobles et sentimentales* he captured the composer's view of that dance, half exotic, half banal, with refined judgement. And *Gaspard de la nuit*, played with a quite *astonishing range* of dynamic and colour and a wholly spontaneous response to the subtle moods contained in each piece, was perfection itself.

Now the questions (sensitive devotees may turn to another page). One does not want to be ungratefully hypercritical, but was not this recital just a little too perfect, too meticulously prepared? Should not the Chopin have had at least something of the buccaneer about it, so that it *might* have sounded like more of a physical, and hence emotional, struggle? Does Debussy really require his *Images* to be quite so distanced, so frozen in time? Could not the *Valses* have done with a *little more vulgar swagger?* Indeed, were we witnessing only an action replay of the most formidable pianist alive?

No, it was real. Michelangeli's *Gaspard*, with the wondrous exoticism of "Ondine", *the deathly cold of* "Le Gibet" and the sinisterly mercurial "Scarbo", told us so.

Stephen Pettitt

Philharmonia/ Sinopoli
Festival Hall

Any programme dominated by Wagner and Strauss, by music both theatrical and organic, is *meat and drink* for a conductor like Giuseppe Sinopoli, and even in Mahler I cannot recall hearing him conduct more convincingly than here. It helped considerably that the Philharmonia Orchestra was in fine form.

Immediately, in the slowly emergent nobility of the Act I Prelude of Wagner's *Lohengrin*, Sinopoli established an atmosphere of enraptured poise, *creating an impressive* illusion of time suspended. Later, with such a large body of strings, the *Siegfried Idyll* inevitably lacked the intimacy that most originally have surrounded Cosima's special birthday treat. But on its own terms it worked well, with the excellent wind section *helping* to bring at least something of a chamber music ambience.

And Sinopoli's reading of Richard Strauss's *Tod und Verklärung* was so precisely articulated that for once one *was able to appreciate* the magnificent rudeness of the scheme from, as it were, the outside: no bad thing.

Sinopoli, however, did miscalculate in Beethoven's Second Piano Concerto. The soloist, André Watts, was careful to keep the music on its proper Mozartian level *with* his elegant fingerwork and *crisp sound. Yet Sinopoli* trimmed his string section by only one desk all round, with the predictable result of relatively flaccid playing. In such circumstances, Watts had no need to bother with finding something more modest to replace Beethoven's vastly long first *movement cadenza*, written much later. Only, in fact, in the finale, where the exuberance was the more sparkling for being so artfully controlled, did the two minds begin to meet.

S.P.

Big step up the Verdian ladder

Hilary Finch meets Jonathan Summers, who takes the title-role in ENO's new *Simon Boccanegra* at the Coliseum this week

Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra* is an opera calculated to bring out the schizophrenic in the best adjusted of baritones. The rule is to start with Paolo, the scheming Iago-figure who abducts Boccanegra's daughter *and poisons* the old man himself; and then, with the voice in its prime, to take on the noblest of Verdi's title-roles, the great Doge of Genoa himself.

That is exactly how Jonathan Summers found himself in a role new to him for a production new to English National Opera, where it opens on Thursday.

For Summers, the personality-split has been gentle enough. He played Paolo to the Boccanegra of both Sherrill Milnes and Renato Bruson at Covent Garden in 1981, 1982 and 1986. "You can really say I was working on the character of Boccanegra himself for five or six years without knowing it."

Bruson's Boccanegra made a particularly deep impression. The Doge is a dark, *elusive role*, difficult to penetrate simply because, unlike a Posa, a Renato, a Rigoletto, he is given no set-pieces in which to establish himself as a character. As Verdi said, the characters in an opera like *La forza del destino* are ready-made; in *Boccanegra* you have to make them for yourself. "Bruson *is naturally* a very reserved, internal sort of peson, and his secret was to bring something out from deep inside himself. There's something in Boccanegra which eludes vocal and physical stamina alone: something which must come from within *your own soul.*"



Jonathan Summers: "There's *something which must come* from within your own soul"

Summers also sees the challenge of Boccanegra as a man ahead of his own time. "When he announces his prophetic ideals for the unity of Italy, he presents the warring factions with the image of Cain raising a club stained with the blood of his brother. But they weren't ready for unity, of course, *not for hundreds of* years. And, God only knows, perhaps they're still not ready for it!" Summers feels he could not have tackled Boccanegra without the experience of *Don Carlos*'s Rodrigo behind him too. "It's a vital step in vocal and performing *growth. When I* sang it for ENO last season, I saw how close these two idealists were in musical expression. Rodrigo sings of Spain needing a saviour, and he sees self-sacrifice as his sole purpose in life. Boccanegra has moved to a more worldly-wise, more *far-sighted* idealism: he knows human nature won't make Utopia in his lifetime. It's a natural progression."

So *Boccanegra*, a project which ENO had had up its sleeve for a number of years, came to fruition at a crucial *stage in Summers's career.* At 40, he has done his share of *hard graft: 10 years on con*tract at Covent Garden have seen him through just about every baritone role in the repertoire. Now, by mutual agreement, he has terminated that contract in order to free himself still further. "I mean, they're not going to put on an untried and untested *Rodrigo* at Covent Garden, for goodness sake; towards the end, in order to stretch myself, I was spending more time away from them than with them. So it seemed a logical step to go completely freelance."

When he finishes work here, he will head for Sydney or Melbourne. This year there is the Count in *Figaro* for Victoria State Opera in August; then come *débuts next season at Florence* and the Met, both in *La Bohème*, and both at the invitation of Carlos Kleiber, who was mighty impressed by Summers's Marcello at Covent Garden. And, back at the Royal Opera, Ford is lined up for next season's *Falstaff.* The Summers roadshow is *only just beginning.*

Filling a scientific gap

RADIO

The news this last week has been full of the *inadequacies* of British scientific funding of which, *from radio's point* of view, perhaps the most disastrous consequence would be the departure for America of Professor Colin Blakemore. Or would have been up to a few weeks ago. Since 1982 and the demise of *Scientifically Speaking*, it has fallen to *Blakemore and a handful* of others to keep a scientific presence going on Radio 3. Indeed I have begun to feel that the network must finally have fallen into line with the ethos which says that the arts and the professions are the only proper employments for a *gentleman.*

Not so, or at least not for the time being: Science on 3 (Wednesdays) has come along to establish a *regular forum* for the discussion of scientific matters and, on the showing of its opening editions, it fills a big gap with some distinction. It owes this in great measure to its presenter Colin Tudge *who, along with Professor* Lewis Wolpert, has been one of the handful referred to above. Mr Tudge is very good at exposition. His tone of voice is sometimes a shade dry and beady, but the effect of what he says is rather different.

In the first programme he almost persuaded me, a semi-*literate in science, that I* might, if I live long enough, one day grasp the principle of string theory in physics. More recently he chaired a well-managed and revealing discussion on the very subject of my opening paragraph: the cultural origins of and remedies for the low *esteem in* which science is held. Last week's programme took a level-headed look at the chances that President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative may actually work.

In spite of all its glaring faults (every joke a chestnut, tendency of participants to be the only ones laughing at their own lines), The Milligan Papers (Radio 4) is now the best of the radio comedies. At any rate, after a gruesome start it succeeded in *inducing* laughter. Chaos, I rather thought, *had yielded to a* vestige of productive anarchy. But what to say of *Big Jim and the Figaro Club*? What to say of *Cliffhanger*?

Of the first I could not see why anybody should have written it. *Cliffhanger* began with a promising line in energetic lunacy which never really came to anything, and the same may well be the fate of its successor, Unnatural *Acts (Radio 4, Saturdays).* The first of its six parts seemed to be hooked on the perennial belief that a lot of frenzied activity has got to be funny and releases you from any obligation to such tedious necessities as good writing and good jokes.

Mercifully, no one could accuse Simon Brett of holding that belief and his lovely *After Henry* series went on and on to prove it. Now there is Molesworth (Radio 4, Mondays, repeating Tuesdays), which he has based on the character of the irredeemable middle-class slob and domestic doormat created by Geoffrey Willans and Ronald Searle.

David Wade

● *The novel A Sport of Nature*, published this week, is by Nadine Gordimer and not, as was stated on Saturday, by Doris Lessing.

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The day Russia discovered the 'kind lady' behind that iron image

Mrs Thatcher is cheered on Moscow streets

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"She is not only an 'Iron Lady", *she is also a woman* and a very stylish and beautiful one at that.", explained an excited Mrs Marina Kresova, an attractive Muscovite in her mid-thirties.

"We have heard so much about her that people wanted to see her for themselves. I think she looks kinder than we had expected." Mrs Kresova was one of a *number of Soviet* citizens who expressed disappointment that Mrs Thatcher had not brought her husband, Denis on her five-day trip. "Some people are saying that it might be because

> I think she looks kinder than we had expected

of her being jealous of him being looked after by Raisa Gorbachov. We hope that is not true," she added with a mischeivous grin.

Dressed in an elegant, beige sable hat and fur trimmed coat with matching boots, Mrs Thatcher drew much appreciation for her dress sense. "We saw her on television arriving in a marvellous black outfit and immediately felt that she was different than we had thought," said a middle-aged woman *straining to see over* the shoulders of the crowd.

She visited three flats on the 10th floor and hundreds of locals turned up to see and applaud her, both there and at the supermarket where she *bought bread, cheese and pil*chards — and paid in roubles.

So far as the visitor could judge *glasnost* was working.

The walkabout had been suggested by Downing Street and approved by the Kremlin, *which chose the venue, typical* of the new housing now being constructed on the expanding suburban fringes of Moscow.

The Prime Minister, the first to pay an official visit here for 12 years, chided a BBC *man who appeared to* suggest in one of his questions that there might have been an element of British party politics in her visit.

Her denial is refuted by many senior Soviet officials, *one of whom conceded last* week that it was "an electoral present on a plate".

As well as the Moscow suburb, Mrs Thatcher also travelled to the picturesque religious centre of Zagorsk, 45 miles north of the capital, where she was met by an equally enthusiastic welcome from ordinary citizens. Many of the women attempted to shake her hand, asked her to come again and showed not the least sign of having been affected by the hostile press *meted out to the British* Government in the run-up to her arrival.

The enthusiasm grew more marked at one point when Mrs Thatcher left her large, black Zil limousine and plunged among a sea of Sunday afternoon shoppers into a cavernous supermarket, where she bought a number of small items, including a tin of pilchards in tomato sauce — a favourite of Moscow *housewives*.

"She is much more good-looking than I had expected from the television. *It is a very* good thing for both our countries that she can come out and meet us like this," said Mrs Katerina Andreivna, an engineer.

● ***Monastery visit:*** *In the* process of her visit to the glorious, golden-domed cathedral and monastery complex at Zagorsk, Mrs Thatcher nearly lost her Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe (*Robin Oakley writes*).

As bemused monks and seminaries watched the unlikely spectacle of several coachloads of the world's media fighting to get into *church on Sunday, Sir Geof-*

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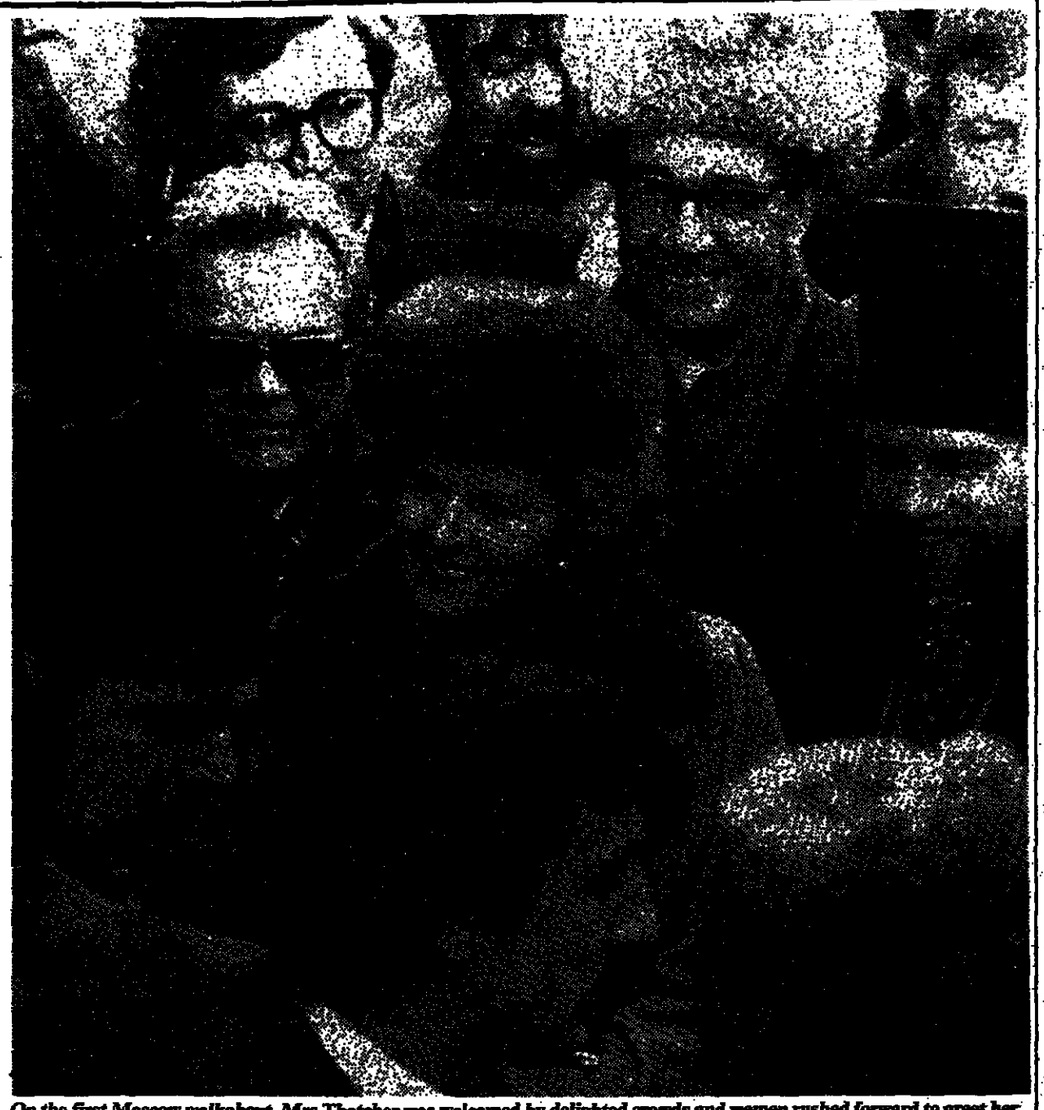
frey and his escort were three times cut off from Mrs Thatcher and found themselves on the wrong side of firmly slammed doors and gates as security men struggled with the media hordes.

Even religious figures were forced to use a discreet elbow or two to force their way through. There was no press pool for monks and one Downing Street aide was propelled into the cathedral without having to move his legs.

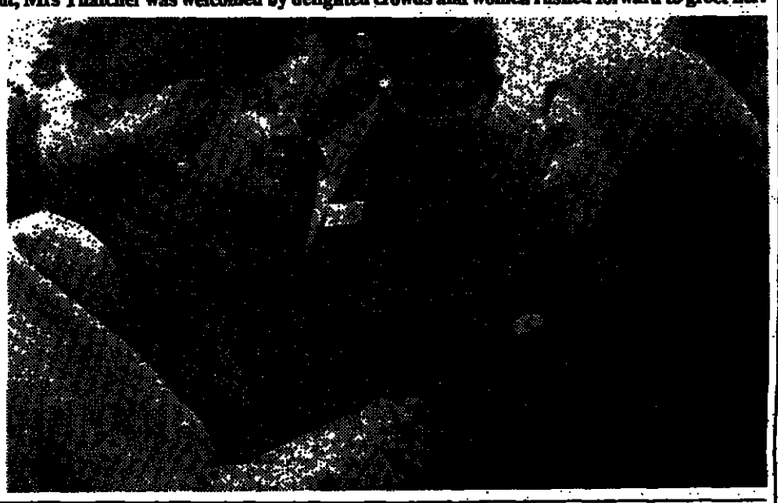
Poor St Sergius, the founding father of Holy Trinity monastery, would surely have turned in his grave. The patron saints on this occasion were clearly St Nikon and St Olympus. It was not so much *glasnost* as a crowd running amok with a loose horse plunging somewhere in the middle at a point to point.

When she could reach the crowds Mrs Thatcher was warmly received, with old ladies expressing their welcome and talking of peace.

The church authorities, at a ceremony preceded and ended with magnificent choral singing, presented Mrs Thatcher with an icon.



On the first Moscow walkabout, Mrs Thatcher was welcomed by delighted crowds and women rushed forward to greet her.



EEC joins Britain in test case over whisky tax

By Robin Oakley

The Common Market is backing *Britain in an attempt to* stop the Japanese discriminating against Scotch whisky.

Ministers regard the treatment of Scotch by Japan as a test case.

One of the reasons for Mrs Margaret Thatcher's anger with the Japanese over their protectionist trade discrimination is that assurances on whisky imports given to her at the Tokyo Economic Summit by Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, *the Japanese prime* minister, have not been met.

At that summit nearly a year ago, Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the *Exchequer*, all sought assurances from Japanese counterparts that unfair discrimination against Scotch would be ended.

They came away convinced real progress would be made, a feeling strengthened by the symbolic gesture from Mr Nakasone when a 12-year Ballantynes was served at the *final summit banquet*.

Japan is the Scotch whisky industry's third largest export market after the United States and France, with imports worth some £65 million a year.

But the volume of Scotch whisky exports to Japan has dropped by 46 per cent since 1979 thanks to a discriminatory liquor tax system and high import duties.

Whisky in Japan is divided *into three grades* — special, first and second. Because Scotch is automatically classified in the top grade it pays seven times the rate of tax applied to Japanese second grade whisky and twice the rate of Japanese first grade.

It pays significantly more tax than other Japanese spirits. The minimum tax rate for Scotch is more than 40 times the rate of tax on Japanese Shochu. In addition the Japanese import duty on bottled Scotch is more than seven times the duty levied on Japanese whisky entering the UK.

The result is that even if Scotch were given away free it would be unable to compete with many Japanese whiskies because the discriminatory tax would still make its retail price three times as much as that of the cheapest local whisky.

After a series of representa*tions* by British ministers, supported by Common Market partners suffering discrimination against their spirits too, the *Japanese* agreed last December to change the tax and duty treatment of Scotch whisky.

As from January 1988, special grade and first grade will be combined and from January 1990, second grade will be absorbed into a new "spirits" category.

It appeared at first to be progress, and the British Embassy was told the import duty on whisky would be reduced by 30 per cent.

But it has since been discovered that second grade Japanese whisky will be taxed as "spirits".

Scotch will still be discriminated against and excluded on *price from the mass consumption* market in Japan. It will continue to be taxed at more than six times the rate for Japanese spirits.

In spite of an attempt by Japan to drive a wedge between European interests by introducing more favourable treatment for wine, the EEC has joined Britain in protesting that the proposed reform is more apparent than real. It is continuing to press for the equal treatment of Japanese and imported spirits.

British ministers are still complaining at the discrimination on Scotch and this week the EEC Commission has submitted a written case to the GATT (General Organization on Tariffs and Trade) against Japanese unfair trading.

Hearings by a panel of three "uninvolved" ambassadors from Mexico, the Philippines and Switzerland will begin on April 28.

They will reach a conclusion after a series of meetings and a judgement is expected within five to six months.

Japanese face tough action over exports

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to prevent Japanese financial institutions from obtaining licences in the UK. Japanese companies holding licences *could also have them revoked*.

Japan's resourcefulness in penetrating other markets was totally out of balance with its ability to give foreigners access to its own market, he said.

The Japanese have considerable *access to the UK in* financial services and other fields. "What we want is reciprocity of access," Mr Howard said.

There are only 14 London-based financial companies in *Tokyo with licences to deal in* securities, while 58 Japanese firms operate in London. Mr Howard will take with him a list of UK companies seeking to enter the Tokyo stock exchange.

Tokyo has indicated that the *limited physical accom*modation on its Stock Exchange was the reason why more British companies have not gained access, but that *explanation has not con*vinced the companies.

Mr Howard said protectionism was not the desirable response but at the moment the British are not allowed to compete freely in Japan. "*What I want to see is an* agreement between us on what progress is to be made, and the rate at which it will happen."

To improve the monitoring of securities markets, he hoped to agree with Japan a *memorandum of understand*ing similar to that Britain has with the United States for swapping information between regulatory authorities. Accords with other countries would no doubt follow soon after.

Labour offer to Unionists

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These included "watch committees" of elected representatives to oversee the health, education and social services boards which are run by Civil *Servants; county* council-type bodies to decide education, housing and environment policy with members elected by proportional representation and the chairmen appointed by the Secretary of State; a Northern Ireland council elected by proportional representation controlling the top tier services.

Since Stormont was dissolved last year there has been no local government above parish council level. A Labour government would examine all the options, and publish a Green and White Paper as a concensus emerged. It would "break the impasse where citizens of a democracy have no democratic say in their own local affairs," Mr Bell said.

A Labour government would reverse the "economic onslaught of Thatcherism which has laid low the Northern Ireland health and education services and added to unemployment".

It would also set up a Northern Ireland Grand Committee, as there is for Wales and Scotland, and at West*minster a Northern Ireland* select committee, with unqualified powers to send for "persons or papers", to shadow the Northern Ireland office and grill ministers.

Unionist support could prove critical in the formation of the next government, just as the lack of that support proved critical for the last Labour government.

Second insider link to OFT

By Michael Tate

Speculation is growing that a senior official at the Office of Fair Trading may be at the centre of a second insider dealing ring.

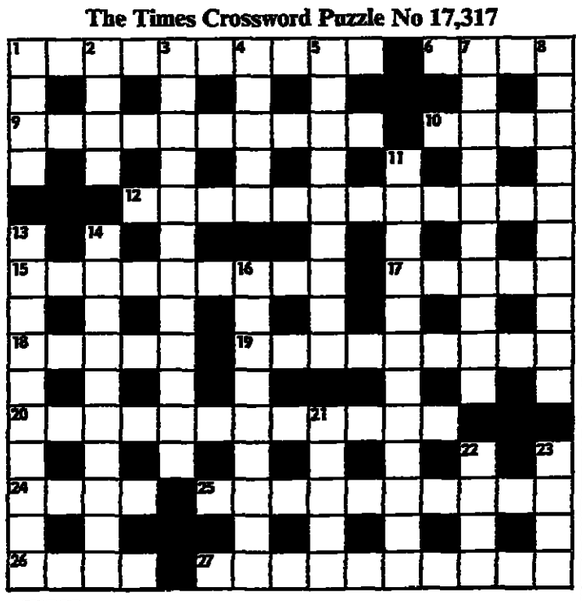
Although the Department of Trade and Industry will not confirm that its investigations have widened, its inspectors drew attention to the possible existence of a second ring in the High Court on Friday.

The court, which has been asked to rule on a DTI complaint that a financial journalist, Mr Jeremy Warner, has refused to disclose his sources to its inspectors, was told that identification of those sources could help expose a second insider ring.

One civil servant, who has enabled insiders to trade in shares worth more than £10 million, has already been identified, the court was told. It was in connection with this that Greenwood International Securities, a City securities firm, was shut down by the DTI on Friday.

It is thought that a second ring could be much bigger; *possibly involving a number* of major City figures, and centering on an official who has prior knowledge of Monopolies Commission recommendations with regard to mergers and takeover bids. The inspectors, Mr John Lindsay, QC, and Mr Peter Crozier, have said that they believe the information received by the journalist could have come from a member of an insider dealing ring. However, Mr Warner's counsel has argued that the inspectors' claims are "highly speculative".

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,317



ACROSS

1 *Martial* ode newly designed to suit a lady? (6-4).
6 Weapon alternately used in set pieces (4).
9 Sin of the Israelites in Omar's paradise? (10).
10 One with a cap that is lowered in *submission* (4).
12 Bows? Nonsense! (12).
15 Where eg shirts could be ruined *in the Spanish style* (9).
17 She rids Welsh captain at Agincourt of his influenza (5).
18 Peer returns to bag a duck — drivel! (5).
19 Russian triangle as played among the strings? (9).
20 Salome's cover — pound insurance? Needs watching (12).
24 Voice some general topic (4).
25 Introduction of labour a French rural worker holds to be offensive (10).
26 Topping fruit for everyone (4).
27 Exploit two small boys — or pamper them in retirement? (7-3).

DOWN

1 London, where those going the whole hog go (4).
2 "As _____ as a painted ship Upon a painted ocean" (Coleridge) (4).
3 Had nine drinks like a spoilt child (4-8).
4 Be careful to include direction — such waters are dangerous (5).
5 Press reform in face of decentralization (9).
7 Nil return after writer receives one form of antibiotic (10).
8 A line in use to sort out these old *mysteries* (10).
11 Stewards' enquiry after this? See the places changed (12).
13 A tower of strength here in Scotland (10).
14 Holmes's character so dictatorial at breakfast (10).
16 *On the scales I am* showing lack of proportion (9).
21 Distribute a tax that's raised (5).
22 Writer Charles or his sister's follower? (4).
23 Boss's endless pursuit of learning (4).

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,316 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

General situation: A warm front over central districts will move southeastwards with a weak ridge of high pressure moving into western parts later in the day. Central and southern England will be cloudy with rain or drizzle at times and light to fresh westerly or northwesterly winds. Northern England, Northern Ireland and much of Scotland, apart from western coastal districts, will be dry with some sunny intervals. Western coastal districts and higher ground will continue cloudy with rain or drizzle at times. Temperatures will be near normal in all areas. Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Further rain spreading from the west, followed by cooler, clearer showery weather.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	14	57	Madrid	s	10	50
Alicante	s	18	64	Majorca	c	16	61
Alex'dria	s	19	66	Malaga	s	16	61
Algiers	c	14	57	Malta	s	19	66
Amst'dam	r	5	41	Melb'rne	r	13	55
Athens	f	17	63	Mexico C'	c	14	57
Bahrain	r	19	66	Miami*	c	29	84
Barbados*	c	26	79	Milan	f	13	55
Barcelna	f	14	57	Montreal*	s	19	66
Belgrade	f	16	61	Moscw	c	3	37
Berlin	c	7	45	Munich	c	4	39
Bermuda*	c	21	70	Naples	c	11	52
Biarritz	c	7	45	N Delhi	f	27	81
Borde'x	c	9	48	N York*	f	13	55
Brussels	r	4	39	Nice	fl	13	55
Budapst	r	10	50	Oslo	f	5	41
B Aires*	s	29	82	Paris	f	6	43
Cairo	f	21	70	Perth	s	28	79
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Prague	c	5	41
C'blanca	f	15	59	Reykjvik	c	0	32
Chicago*	f	12	54	Rhodes	s	19	66
Ch'church	f	19	66	Rio de J	c	25	77
Cologne	f	7	45	Riyadh	f	18	61
C'phgn	c	4	39	Rome	f	18	61
Corfu	f	16	61	Salzburg	f	9	48
Dublin	r	7	45	S Franco*	s	17	63
Dubrovnik	r	12	54	Santiago*	s	24	75
Faro	s	16	61	S Paulo*	c	26	79
Florence	f	15	59	Seoul	s	14	57
Frankfurt	f	8	46	Sing'por	t	29	84
Funchal	f	17	63	St'kholm	r	2	36
Geneva	c	8	46	Strasb'rg	f	8	46
Gibraltar	s	18	61	Sydney	s	18	64
Helsinki	c	4	39	Tangier	s	14	57
Hong K	c	22	72	Tel aviv	s	18	64
Innsbruck	r	6	43	Tenerife	s	19	66
Istanbul	s	19	66	Tokyo	r	12	54
Jeddah	s	29	84	Toronto*	f	12	54
Jo'burg*	f	20	68	Tunis	c	13	55
Karachi	s	31	88	Valencia	s	16	61
L Palmas	f	21	70	Vanc'ver*	s	8	46
Le Touquet	f	6	43	Venice	f	9	48
Lisbon	s	13	55	Vienna	c	12	54
Locarno	f	13	55	Warsaw	c	9	48
L Angeles*	s	19	66	Wash'ton*	f	18	64
Luxemburg	f	4	39	Wel'ton	r	2	36
				Zurich	c	2	36

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	9.0	-	8	46	sunny
Bridlington	8.2	-	7	45	sunny
Cromer	8.7	-	5	41	sunny
Lowestoft	8.3	-	7	45	sunny
Clacton	9.2	.07	8	46	sunny
Southend	10.1	-	8	46	sunny
Margate	-	-	7	45	sunny
Folkestone	9.5	.06	9	48	sunny
Hastings	9.1	.15	9	48	sunny
Eastbourne	9.9	-	9	48	sunny
Brighton	7.9	-	9	48	sleet
Worthing	8.7	.05	9	48	snow
Lisahnpta	8.2	.01	9	48	shower
Bognor R	9.6	-	9	48	sunny
Southsea	9.0	.03	8	46	sunny
Sandown	9.7	-	9	48	sunny
Shanklin	9.2	.03	9	48	shower
Bournemth	9.8	.02	9	48	sunny
Poole	9.2	-	9	48	sunny
Swanage	9.4	.01	9	48	sleet
Weymouth	8.7	-	8	46	hail
Exmouth	7.7	.04	8	46	sunny
Torquay	9.0	-	9	48	sunny
Falmouth	-	.15	7	45	bright
Penzance	8.8	.03	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.8	-	9	48	sunny
Jersey	7.4	.01	9	48	sunny
Guernsey	10.3	-	9	48	sunny
Newquay	9.1	.01	9	48	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	-	7	45	sunny
Minehead	8.5	-	9	48	hail
B'pool Airpt	9.0	-	7	45	sunny
Morecambe	7.8	-	7	45	sunny
Douglas	4.1	.02	7	45	shower
B'ham Airpt	9.5	.01	7	45	bright
Bristol (Cnt)	8.6	-	8	46	sunny
Carlisle	7.4	-	7	45	sunny
London	8.9	-	9	48	sunny
Manchester	9.5	-	7	45	sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	9.0	-	7	45	sunny
Nottingham	8.6	.01	7	45	snow
Anglesey	6.1	.01	8	46	bright
Cardiff (Cnt)	9.6	.01	8	46	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	.02	7	45	sunny
Tenby	8.7	.06	8	46	sunny
Aberdeen	7.2	.01	6	43	snow
Edinburgh	7.1	-	7	45	sunny
Eskdalemuir	9.1	-	6	43	sunny
Glasgow	6.0	-	8	46	bright
Kinloss	4.6	.01	7	45	bright
Lerwick	5.3	.05	3	37	hail
Prestwick	5.7	-	8	46	sunny
Stornoway	3.0	.08	9	48	shower
Tiree	2.8	.02	8	46	shower
Wick	5.7	.05	7	45	shower
Belfast	3.3	.14	6	43	snow

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	Ht	PM	Ht
London Bridge	3.15	7.2	3.43	7.5
Aberdeen	2.44	4.2	2.45	4.4
Avonmouth	8.47	13.7	9.05	13.6
Belfast	12.12	3.2	12.27	3.5
Cardiff	8.32	12.6	8.57	12.5
Devonport	7.33	5.7	7.53	5.6
Dover	12.13	6.7	12.36	6.5
Falmouth	7.03	5.5	7.23	5.4
Glasgow	2.13	4.5	2.37	5.1
Harwich	1.04	3.9	1.31	4.0
Holyhead	11.41	5.8	—	—
Hull	7.49	7.4	7.49	8.0
Stracumbe	7.31	9.5	7.48	9.3
Leith	4.00	5.8	4.09	5.8
Liverpool	12.30	9.4	12.48	9.8
Lowestoft	11.09	3.9	11.32	2.6
Margate	1.17	4.7	1.36	4.7
Milford Haven	7.45	7.4	8.02	7.2
Newquay	6.35	7.3	6.52	7.2
Oban	7.15	4.2	7.28	4.0
Penzance	6.30	5.8	6.52	5.7
Portland	8.33	2.3	8.58	2.2
Portsmouth	12.44	4.8	12.54	4.7
Stornoway	12.23	6.4	12.41	6.3
Southampton	12.09	4.7	12.20	4.6
Swansea	7.56	9.9	8.12	9.7
Tees	5.12	5.4	5.17	5.7
W'ton-on-Nze	12.53	4.1	1.24	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.39	2.27
Austria Sch	21.45	20.35
Belgium Fr	63.40	60.00
Canada $	2.17	2.07
Denmark Kr	11.45	10.85
Finland Mkk	7.58	7.08
France Fr	10.08	9.58
Germany Dm	3.05	2.85
Greece Dr	222	210
Hong Kong $	12.27	12.27
Ireland Pt	1.141	1.081
Italy Lire	2160	2050
Japan Yen	249	235
Netherlands Gld	3.43	3.25
Norway Kr	11.41	10.81
Portugal Esc	231	221
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.50
Spain Pts	211.50	201.50
Sweden Kr	10.60	10.05
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.41
USA $	1.675	1.595
Yugoslavia Dnr	1110	1010

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 100.4

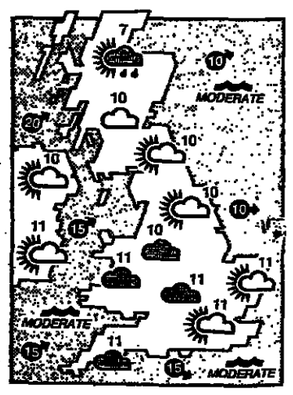
London: The *FT* index closed up 5.7 at 1620.6.

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AM



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LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.00 pm to 6.10 am
Bristol 8.09 pm to 6.19 am
Edinburgh 6.16 pm to 6.18 am
Manchester 5.10 pm to 6.16 am
Penzance 8.20 pm to 6.52 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	5	41	Guernsey	f	6	43
B'ingham	f	6	43	Inverness	f	4	39
Blackpool	s	6	43	Jersey	f	7	45
Bristol	f	7	45	London	f	7	45
Cardiff	f	6	43	M'chester	f	5	41
Edinburgh	f	5	41	Newcastle	f	5	41
Glasgow	f	6	43	N'ridaway	f	5	41

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am,3C (37F) Humidity: 6 pm, 37 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0 Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.9hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,021 millibars, rising.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am,5C (41F) Humidity: 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.07in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.3hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 999.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.5hrs.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.1in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 3.3hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 11C(52F). Lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetlands, 4C(39F). highest rainfall: Carlisle, 0.9 in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 11 hr.



Sun rises: 6.42 am
Sun sets: 7.30 pm
Moon rises 7.00 am
Moon sets 9.00 pm
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STOCK MARKET
(Change on week)
FT 30 Share
1620.6 (+21.7)
FT-SE 100
2048.6 (+31.1)
Bargains
50538 (57786)
USM (Datastream)
166.94 (+5.72)

THE POUND
(Change on week)
US dollar
1.6020 (+0.0015)
W German mark
2.9220 (–0.0101)
Trade-weighted
71.9 (–0.3)

Deficit for motor trade at record

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

The British motor industry suffered a disastrous trade deficit of £3.9 billion last year, 41 per cent more than in 1985 and the the worst deficit on record.

Cars accounted for more than half the imported motor goods which jumped 17 per cent to £9.138 billion.

Exports rose by 4 per cent to £5.25 billion, the figures masking the effect of a 27 per cent drop in the number of heavy trucks exported at a cost of almost £100 million. Exports of vans improved by 26 per cent but this added only £15 million to the account. The 16 per cent fall in car exports was cushioned by a 3 per cent rise in the overall value of car exports.

In January and February, imported cars accounted for less than half the new cars sold for the first time in five years.

Ordnance bid decision faces delay

The Government may delay yet again a decision on which of the two bids it will accept for Royal Ordnance, the state arms maker, until assurances on product ranges and manning levels can be finalized.

The Ministry of Defence is due to announce whether the company will be taken over by GKN or British Aerospace early in April, but it is understood that both bidders have been asked to clarify some of their proposals.

In a likely election year the Government is concerned about possible job losses and will be seeking assurances that as many jobs as possible are retained.

More papers 'unlikely'

The planned newspaper, *News on Sunday*, is likely to fall well short of its target circulation of 800,000 and may signal the "end of the beginning" for the new-wave national papers that began last year with Mr Eddy Shah's *Today*.

This view emerged in a study published by the media analysts, Billett & Company, which concludes that the launch of more national newspapers is becoming increasingly remote, as established press groups re-adjust to the changed technological, labour and cost base.

The left-of-centre News on Sunday is due to appear on April 26.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY — Interims: James Halstead Group, Old Court International Reserves. Finals: Acorn Computer Group, Amari, Blackwood Hodge, Boustead, British Syphon Industries, Campari International, CCA Galleries, Dwek Group, EBC Group, Emess Lighting, Estates and General Investments, Executex Clothes, Highcroft Investment Trust, William Jacks, Johnsen & Jorgensen Packaging, Manders Holdings, Plasmec, Richardsons, Westgarth, Rugby Portland Cement, Slough Estates.

TOMORROW — Interims: AB Electronic Products Group, CH Beazer Holdings, Maxiprint. Finals: Aquascutum Group, Arcolectric Holdings, Baillie Gifford Technology, Blockleys, British Printing & Communication Corporation, Bunzl, Christies International, Combined English Stores Group, Debfor Holdings, Evans Halshaw Holdings, Gaskell Broadloom, Geest, Grampian Holdings, Jove Investment Trust, Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale, London & Edinburgh Trust, London & Scottish Marine Oil, Albert Martin Holdings, NMW Computers, Peek Holdings, H&J Quick, Scottish Heritable Trust, Senior Engineering Group, Telfos Holdings, Turriff Corporation, Wilson (Connolly) Holdings, Worcester Group.

WEDNESDAY — Interims: Biotechnology Investments (quarter). Finals: Abbey Life Group, AMEC, Aurora, Elys, (Wimbledon), Guardian Royal Exchange, Kleinwort, Benson Gilt Fund, Marley, North Midland Construction, Sun Alliance and London Insurance, Tilbury Group.

THURSDAY — Interims: Ferry Pickering Group. Finals: Anglo-American Investment Trust, J Billam, BSG International, Burton Group, Coates Brothers, Cookson Group, Empire Stores (Bradford), John Laing, Laird Group, London and Manchester Group, Wm Morrison Supermarkets, Portals Holdings, Reckitt & Colman, Weir Group.

FRIDAY — Interims: None announced. Finals: Breedon and Cloud Hill Lime Works, Geers Gross.

Pressure mounts on US currency

Dollar faces critical week

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The currency markets seem certain to mount a further assault on the dollar this week, after a support operation by the leading central banks had only limited success last week.

The banks, led by the Bank of Japan, spent an estimated $3 billion to $4 billion in support of the dollar against the yen. Their action cushioned the dollar's slide but failed to prevent it reaching new lows. It fell to a post-war low of 147.65 against the yen in London on Friday, later weakening to 147.20 in New York. It also lost ground against other leading currencies.

However, the participants in last month's Paris currency agreement — the United States, Britain, Germany, Japan, France and Canada — will be keen to prevent a dollar collapse ahead of the next scheduled meetings of the Groups of Five and Seven in Washington next week.

The yen rate, with Japan recording a current account surplus of $7.38 billion last month, has taken on a pivotal role in the aim of preventing the dollar's fall.

Should the dollar's weakness continue, it is difficult to see what the Group of Five and Seven meetings on April 7 and 8 will be able to do to prevent it. The Paris meeting on February 21 and 22 was timed to coincide with what appeared to be a period of stability for the US currency. Any new initiative would be difficult against the background of a falling dollar.

The Goldman Sachs *International Economics Analyst*, published today, predicts further dollar weakness. Mr David Morrison, currency economist at the US investment bank, who correctly forecast that pressure on the dollar would begin with its rate against the yen, expects a further 5 per cent dollar drop on average, in the coming months.

The currency markets will be focusing on any hints emerging on exchange rate policy from two important meetings this week, the Federal Open Market Committee meeting in the United States, starting tomorrow, and Thursday's Bundesbank Council meeting in Germany.

US economic data, including the leading indicators tomorrow and Friday's employment data, may also be important.

Pressure on the dollar has arisen from several sources. There are uncertainties about whether the US trade deficit has begun to decline, President Reagan's standing has been affected by the Irangate affair and the markets detect a willingness by the US authorities to cut interest rates to stimulate the economy, even if the dollar is weak.

The weakness of the dollar against the yen in recent days has been partly due to Japanese financial institutions adjusting their holdings before the March 31 year end.

Market analysts are uncertain about the possible impact of renewed dollar weakness on the pound and interest rate prospects in Britain. Goldman Sachs suggests that the pound is likely to rise alongside other currencies against the dollar, into a $1.65-1.70 range.

But uncertainties over the timing and outcome of the general election could hit sterling and push it down with the dollar. The Bank of England, after intervening to hold the pound down against the dollar early last week, did not need to do so at the end of the week, as the pound took on a softer tone because of political worries.

Some analysts believe a collapse of the Paris currency agreement could push both sterling and the dollar down. This would jeopardize prospects for further cuts in interest rates in Britain, although there are few yet who expect the Government to have to raise interest rates to protect sterling before the general election.

Guinness plans next step

By John Bell, City Editor

Guinness is considering fresh legal moves to clear up the mystery surrounding £17 million of payments made in connection with its £2.7 billion acquisition of the Distillers whisky group.

The group's auditor, Price Waterhouse, identified £25 million of invoices last November for which there was no satisfactory explanation. After repayments from the Heron Corporation, Erlanger (a subsidiary of S&W Berisford), and an Austrian bank, Zentralsparkasse & Kommerzialbank, more than £17 million remains unexplained, so far as Guinness is concerned.

Discussions between Guinness and its legal advisers last week centred on three companies. Two were Swiss-based, Konsultat SA, which received £3 million and Consultations et Investissements SA, which received £3.35 million. The third, J Lyons Chamberlayne, which received £303,000, has as co-directors the businessman Sir Jack Lyons and Mr Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker.

Sir Jack, formerly an adviser to Bain & Co, Guinness's management consultant, has stated that he received "in excess of £2 million" from Guinness. Mr Parnes has said that payments of £3.35 million were made to him in connection with the Guinness bid.

Guinness directors are likely to decide this week on the next steps in its actions to recover all the cash paid.

Guinness's former chairman, Mr Ernest Saunders, is also due this week to comply with injunctions granted by the High Court requiring him to reveal the whereabouts of £5.2 million paid to a Jersey nominee company, Marketing and Acquisition Consultants.

The court was told last week that £3 million of this payment was held for four months in a Swiss bank account in Mr Saunders' name. Through solicitors, Mr Saunders has stated that at no time has he held a beneficial interest in either the £5.2 million or any of the £25 million.

Japan 'may hit back on tariffs'

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan is ready to send an envoy to the US this week to discuss the 100 per cent penalty tariffs which may be imposed for failure to enforce the semi-conductor trade agreement.

But if no compromise is reached by the middle of next month and the US goes ahead with the $300 million (£187.5 million) tariffs on a range of 40 products, Japan may respond by taking action under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) or by partially or wholly renouncing the semi-conductor pact.

During the talks, Japan will propose a joint investigation of the dumping charges against Japanese makers. The Japanese side has hinted already that South Korean and American manufacturers have also been cutting chip prices.

Mr Hajime Tamura, the minister of international trade and industry, announcing the possible avenues of retaliation, said the Japanese government had been "sincerely" abiding by last September's semi-conductor agreement which set a "fair" price for chips and called on Japan to open up its market.

The US Commerce Department says Japanese chips have been sold in the US at as much as 80 per cent below their cost of production.

One American firm claims that Japanese-made 256K chips have been sold to the US through Hong Kong at $1.95 as opposed to the $2.50 price in the agreement.

Mr Tamura said the American action was "unfathomable" at a time when the agreement was just about to bear fruit. He added that he did not think the US sanctions, if implemented around the middle of April, would seriously damage relations between the two countries — "but it will have an alarming impact within Japan," he said.

The initial reaction of alarm from the government was not reflected in yesterday's editorials. Comment, page 23

Fall in oil price could bring shares rush

City backs BP bid

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

BP is to publish full details of its offer to takeover Standard Oil, its American subsidiary, this Wednesday or Thursday.

Oil industry analysts in London and New York are predicting that the slightest fall in world oil prices will lead to a rush to accept the $7.4 billion (£4.5 billion) offer.

BP's offer of $70 a share for the 45 per cent of Standard Oil it does not own has sent Standard Oil shares up to $71.

Sir Peter Walters, the BP chairman, has made it clear that he regards the offer as fully valuing the shares and has said BP will not increase it. As BP owns 55 per cent there can be no counter offer.

The key to shareholders accepting it, one Wall Street analyst said yesterday, is the world oil price. Any slight downward movement would convince the small investor that the oil sector is too volatile to remain in and that the BP price is fair.

BP has made its offer on the basis of an oil price of $18, whereas Goldman Sachs, its financial adviser, takes a more pessimistic view and has based its calculations on a much lower price. The highest North Sea and West Texas oil prices at present are just below $18, with most Middle Eastern crudes failing to find buyers and lower prices being offered.

Both BP and Goldman Sachs are agreed on the value of the Standard Oil shares and that the BP offer is generous. They have been encouraged by Wall Street reaction which says that the price reflects the market value of the company. John S Herold, the main oil industry research group, valued the Standard shares at $43.50.



Walters: a final offer which fully values the shares

The independent non-executive board members of Standard Oil also have to make public their views but are not required to make a recommendation. Under United States's national law BP could in the long-term force a takeover once it has 80 per cent of the shares and it could make such a move in the short-term under Ohio State law.

Mr Paul Gregory, an oil analyst with Wood Mackenzie, the Edinburgh based oil specialist, has also pointed out that many of the small investors who opt to sell their shares to BP could immediately re-invest in BP.

BP could take Standard Oil's place in one of the key Wall Street indices increasing American interest in the company still further. The British Government expects that American investors will be the main applicants for the 32 per cent of BP its holds and is to sell.

Almost all other city analysts are behind the move by BP and are advising the investment community to support the offer. Mr John Toalster and Mr Tom Miskell, analysts with Hoare Govett, said: "There is considerable potential to be derived from Standard Oil and inclusion of it into the BP group without the problems associated with a substantial minority shareholding should permit further gains to be made.

Dr Tim Morgan, of WI Carr, the stockbroking firm, said: "BP is giving public recognition to Standard's enormous long-term potential."

The world oil price will be central to discussions this week in the US when Sheikh Hisham Nazer, the Saudi Arabian oil minister meets the US Energy Secretary.

Sheikh Nazer, has been in London this weekend discussing oil prices with British government officials.



Dr Randall: forecast increase in profits

Avana enlists wider support in its defence

By John Bell, City Editor

Avana's defence campaign against the £263 million takeover bid from Ranks Hovis McDougall moves into top gear this week, with Dr John Randall, the chairman, lining up meetings with the 80 or so institutions which own 70 per cent of the shares.

At the same time Panmure Gordon, the stockbroker which last Friday picked up 100,000 shares on behalf of County Bank, the Avana adviser, is expected to continue buying.

Panmure paid 758p for the shares, way above the 696p cash offer price, but still short of the 782p value conveyed by RHM's 12-for-5 share offer. The shares closed at 764½p on Friday.

Analysts are becoming increasingly convinced that RHM will have to increase its terms if it is to win control, even though there is yet no sign of the much talked about "white knight" bidder. RHM has until Friday to improve the terms of its offer under Takeover Panel rules.

Dr John Randall would not be drawn on the possibility of an intervention from a third party, though City talk suggests that Unigate is interested. Associated British Foods, the Sunblest bread group, is also in a position to take an interest. The group is flush with cash from the sale of its Fine Fare food retailing activities.

Last week Dr Randall produced a stout defence featuring a forecast rise in profits for the year just ended from £19.6 million last time to £23 million. The current trading period will produce profits of £27.5 million according to the Avana defence documents.

RHM itself forecast a 30 per cent rise in its own interim profits. But the news met with a cool response from the City. A stiffer tax bill will trim the advance in pretax profits to less than 16 per cent at the earnings per share level.

Forestry group for USM

By Carol Ferguson

Britain's largest private forestry company, Economic Forestry Group, is to seek a quotation on the Unlisted Securities Market. The decision to seek a quotation was taken mainly to provide a market for the shares of its 700 shareholders.

EFG does not invest in forestry, but plants and manages forests on behalf of landowners. The Oxford-based group also has interests in nurseries, timber marketing and horticultural products.



John Campbell: expecting to plant more than ever before

However, forestry accounted for 75 per cent of its 1986 profit of £930,000.

EFG was responsible for 26 per cent of the total area of new planting by the private sector in 1986. It planted 5,117 hectares (12,600 acres), 12 per cent less than in 1985. By the end of this planting season, it will have planted about 5,500 hectares of forest, and next season it will plant more than ever before, according to its chief executive, Mr John Campbell.

Pretax profit growth over the last five years has averaged 15 per cent a year compound. Capital employed is £5.4 million.

Debit card launch on course

By Our City Staff

Barclays Bank said yesterday that it is still on schedule for the June launch of its plastic debit card which, it suggests, will revolutionize shopping, despite initial opposition from several large retail groups.

The card, which could eventually replace the cheque card, will be issued to a million customers over the next 18 months and, eventually, to all the bank's six million customers.

However, several of the large retail chains, including Tesco, Sainsbury and Burton, say the amount Barclays proposes to charge for each transaction will have to come down before the card will be accepted at their stores.

Existing cheque transactions cost the retailer about 10p, but Barclays is proposing to charge a fee of some 2 per cent on each purchase for debit-card transactions.

The fee will be fixed by negotiation between Barclays and the retailer, in the manner of existing fees for credit-card transactions. Suggestions by some retailers that they will not accept the card are being interpreted by some marketing people involved as an inevitable part of the negotiations.

Barclays said yesterday that talks with merchants were continuing but so far no retailer has catecorically said that it will not use the card.

A spokesman for the bank said that once retailers had fully absorbed the advantage of using the card rather than accepting cheques — "instant clearance of funds into the retailer's account from the customer's, no limit on non-cash purchases and security and convenience" — then the charges would be seen as compatible with cheque-transaction costs.

Similar debit-card schemes are likely to be announced by all the clearing banks and many of the large retail chains, including Sainsbury, have already invested in check-out equipment which can handle them.

TSB denies merger talks

By Our City Staff

Sir John Read, chairman of TSB Group, categorically denied reports yesterday that merger talks have been taking place with Sun Life Assurance Society.

While admitting that Sun Life may have been among "a whole host of companies" that the TSB has run the rule over in the past few months, he insisted that "no talks have taken place and none are planned".

At Sun Life, Mr Richard Zamboni, the managing director, said: "We are having discussions all the time but until I have seen my chairman tomorrow, I cannot confirm or deny anything."

In theory, a merger between the two companies would make a lot of sense. TSB, since its flotation last September, has been awash with cash which it wants to spend on a broadening of its financial services. The acquisition of an insurance company is one route known to be under serious consideration.

Sun Life has special problems. It is 25.7 per cent-owned by Liberty Life, the South African insurance conglomerate, which has merger intentions of its own. These have been flatly rejected so far by the Sun Life board which, in retaliation, has seen its own plans for diversifying outside life assurance blocked by Liberty Life.

"Someone has put two and two together and made five," said Sir John.

Within the insurance community, it is generally accepted that if Sun Life must lose its independence, it would sooner do so to TSB than to Liberty Life.

Certainly, Sun Life, worth about £600 million at current stock market levels, would fit comfortably within the price range of TSB which has £1.5 billion at its disposal.

The possibility of a full-scale bid from Liberty Life has kept the share price buoyant, although analysts also point to the exciting prospects this year for the personal pension market, where Sun Life is strong.

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The sterling dilemma casts its shadow over yields

First impressions are often misleading. Early comments on the Budget noted its caution. Indeed, the Budget oozed prudence and restraint. But the real interest lay elsewhere. Scratching beneath the surface, the Government's economic arithmetic for the end of 1987 and beyond appears to depend upon sterling falling back from its current exalted level.

There is a delicious irony in this. The recent surge in sterling on the foreign exchanges reflected mounting confidence in the performance of the British economy under the Conservatives.

The performance of the gilt market has gone hand-in-hand with the performance of sterling. In the post-Budget euphoria, 8.5 per cent seemed within easy reach for long gilt yields. Indeed, many talked of 8 per cent or lower.

However, the Government has been playing it very cautiously. Since almost every other aspect of the economic scene is running in its favour, a sterling crisis is about the only economic upset which the Government could suffer before the general election. It is therefore not surprising that the Treasury and the Bank of England currently profess to be happy with the level of sterling.

Managing the exchange rate, as the Government has often learned to its cost, requires a great deal of judgement because there is no mechanical relationship between the level of interest rates and the level of sterling. So, for long gilt yields to fall to 8 per cent, and stay there, depends greatly on whether there has been a fundamental reappraisal of the prospects for sterling.

One factor behind sterling's strength in the last two months was a growing conviction that the Conservatives will win the general election. As the tribulations of the Labour Party pushed them further and further behind the Conservatives in the opinion polls, so the foreign exchanges and the gilt market began to worry less and less about the possibility of a more reflationary government gaining office.

Growth of trended unit labour costs in manufacturing

	1986 (estimate) % p/a	1987 (forecast) % p/a
Japan	-2.2	-1.7
France	0.4	-0.8
USA	0.8	1.1
Canada	1.3	1.6
W Germany	1.6	0.2
Italy	1.9	1.4
UK	3.4	3.1

Source: Item Club & CCM Estimates

Last week, signs that the Alliance parties, canvassing almost equally reflationary policies, are gaining ground unnerved the market. Suggestions that the general election might be postponed until the autumn raised the prospect of a nervous summer for the markets. Perhaps the rosy economic background, and perhaps Mrs Thatcher's Moscow diplomacy, will turn the latest batch of opinion polls into a temporary setback.

But even assuming the Conservatives win the general election, that is hardly sufficient on its own to justify long gilt yields of 8 per cent, or even 8.5 per cent. After all, in the present Parliament yields below 10 per cent have proved difficult enough to attain, and the Chancellor has made no grand promise to push inflation below the prevailing 4 per cent rate.

This brings us to another, potentially more durable, factor behind sterling's new found strength. A perception has emerged in some quarters that the British economy is undergoing a dramatic transformation. The economy as a whole has been described as a recovery stock.

Some of the evidence is impressive. Of the Group of Seven countries, Britain will move to the top of the growth league table this year and is likely to remain there in 1988. The latest CBI survey shows manufacturers' order books at their highest for 10 years.

The comparison with West Germany could not be more striking. Growth in Europe's former locomotive is flagging. Exports fell in 1986 and may do so again this year. Are we set to become the leading economy of the 1990s, or is it just a flash in the pan?

The current buoyancy of the British economy reflects the significant improvement in its relative competitive position during 1986. However, this was entirely due to sterling's depreciation. Britain may be top of the world growth league but it is bottom of the labour cost table.

Of the G7 countries, Britain had the highest growth in "trended" unit labour costs in 1986 and this is likely to continue in 1987 and 1988. There will be a temporary sharp fall in the growth of actual unit labour costs in 1987, but this merely reflects cyclical factors which need to be removed in order to assess long-term competitive positions.

The pound's recent recovery is already eroding the gains to competitiveness achieved last year. The stark truth is that if sterling stays at about 72 on the effective index these gains will be almost completely eroded by the end of 1987.

In which case, Britain's emerging export boom will prove short-lived. Unless, that is, by some miracle, British producers' competitiveness were to be sustained by a huge drop in wage costs. Since the Treasury itself is not banking on such a miracle, a gradual decline in sterling will be required to avert a progressive deterioration in Britain's trade accounts.

Additional evidence that the Treasury is looking for sterling to fall back can be gleaned from its forecast for inflation. The idea that inflation would still be running at 4 per cent in the final quarter of the year was widely regarded as one of the cautious ingredients of the Budget. This forecast was supposedly based on the Treasury's conventional unchanged exchange rate assumption.

Yet our work on the Treasury's economic model suggests that with an unchanged exchange rate, inflation might be below 3.5 per cent in the final quarter. In fact, incorporating the effects of the newly-announced mortgage rate reductions, the figure might be below 3 per cent. One might say that the forecast of 4 per cent was just the Treasury being cautious. More likely, the Treasury was building in the leeway for sterling to fall.

If the medium-term prospects for the current account do not support the favourable reassessment of sterling, then the recent transformation of the fiscal position provides an argument in support, if not of sterling, then at least of the gilt market.

The announcement of a £4 billion PSBR target had gilt market-makers gabbing excitedly about the Japanese institutions, who are rapidly tiring of the currency losses on their holdings of US Treasury bonds, diversifying into gilts. But attracting Japanese and other foreign investors to the gilt market could eventually fall foul of the Treasury's desire to see sterling fall back.

For the moment, however, politics is calling the tune. A run of good economic figures could help to knock the wheels off the Alliance bandwagon, and so long gilt yields may yet make a move towards 8.5 per cent. But if so, investors should prepare to make a move towards the exit.

Mark Cliffe and David Wileman
Capel-Cure Myers ANZ Merchant Bank

APPOINTMENTS

Kingsfield Associates: Mr Christopher White is now managing director. Mr Iain Wright, Mr Anthony Burns and Mr David Hawkins are directors.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd: Mr Jeremy Seddon has been made a director.

CB-Linnell: Mr Michael Pugh has been made a director for sales and marketing appointments.

Rauma-Repola Corporation: Mr Heikki Hakala becomes senior executive vice-president.

Scandinavian Bank Group: Mr Gunnar Tufte joins as a deputy managing director.

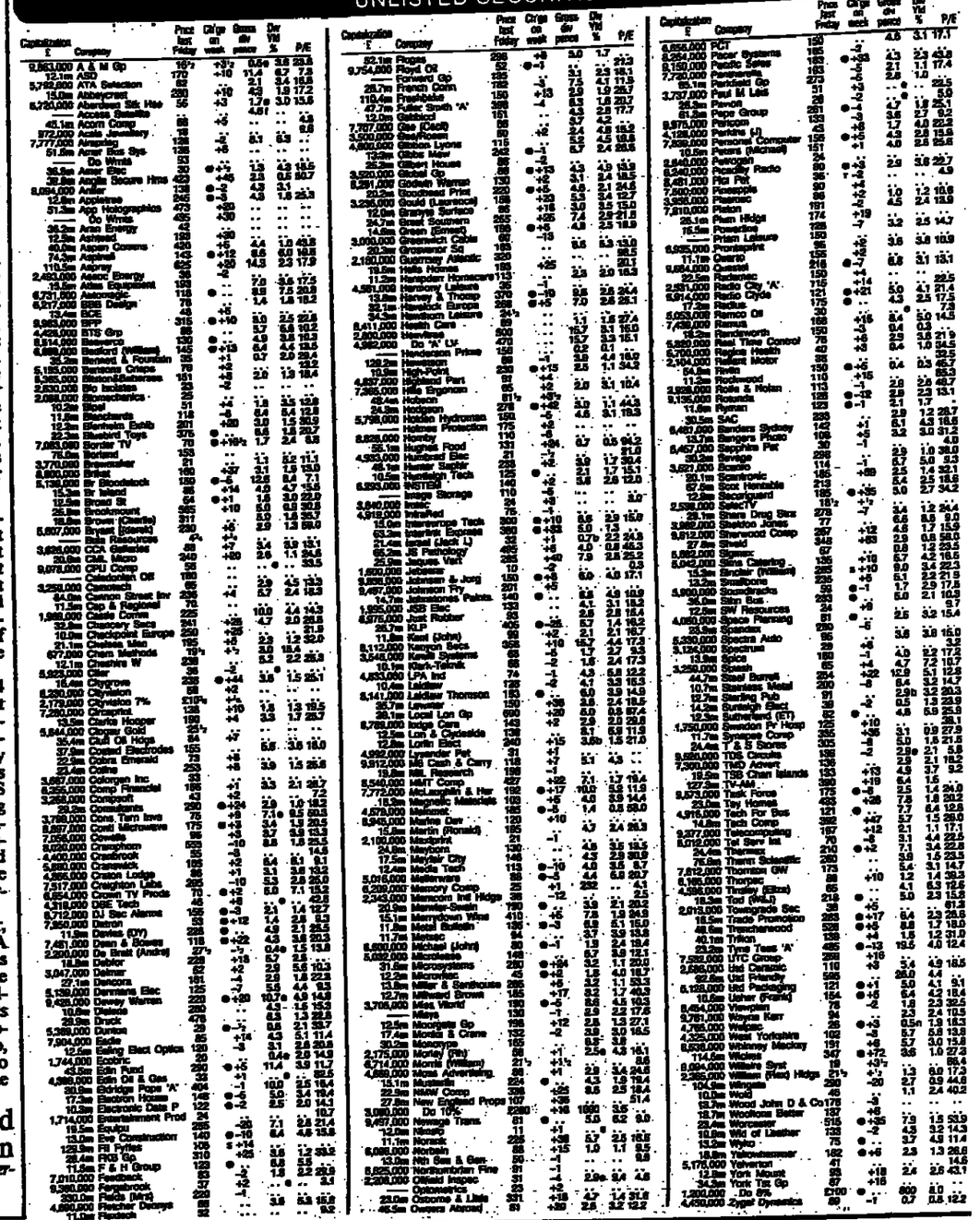
Midland Montagu Fund Managers: Mr Howard Goldring becomes a director.

Higgs & Hill Building: Mr Bert Somers joins the board.

RK Carvill: Mr Peter Dell has become managing director, succeeding Mr Rory Carvill who continues as chairman. Mr Bob Fewster becomes group services director. Mr Ian Waddell will be finance director.

Cirkit Holdings: Mr Richard Bulgin becomes managing director.

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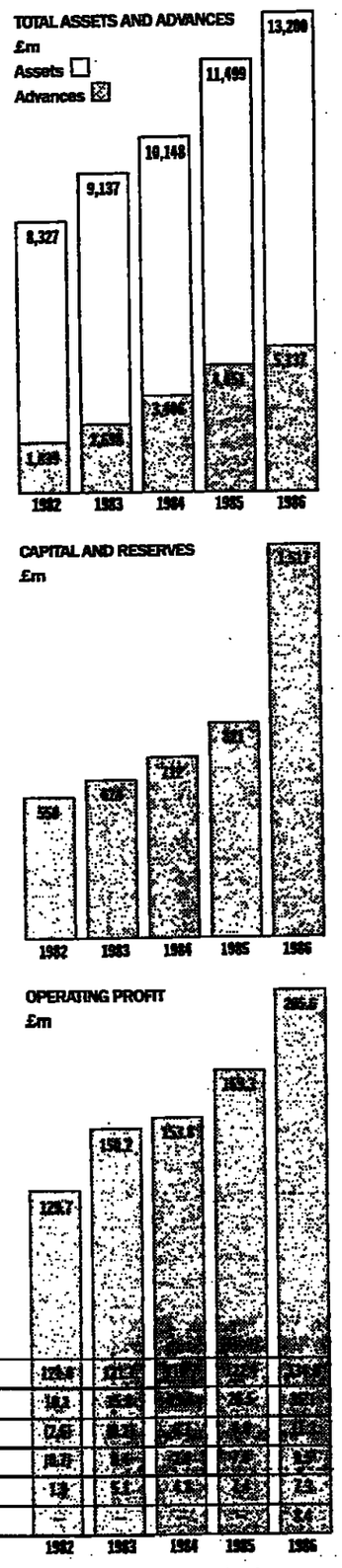
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1986 FINAL RESULTS

Swire Pacific Limited

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1986

The profit for 1986 before the extraordinary item was HK$1,784.7 million, an increase of 45.6% over 1985. In addition, in 1986 there was an extraordinary profit of HK$1,382.2 million (1985: HK$59.1 million). The audited consolidated results were:

	Year ended 31st December 1986 HK$M	1985 HK$M
Turnover	16,603.6	13,692.2
Operating profit	2,929.2	1,852.0
Net finance charges	168.2	188.5
Net operating profit	2,761.0	1,663.5
Share of profits less losses of associated companies	115.1	88.8
Profit before taxation	2,876.1	1,752.3
Taxation	474.2	215.4
Profit after taxation	2,401.9	1,536.9
Minority interests	617.2	311.0
Profit for the year before extraordinary items	1,784.7	1,225.9
Extraordinary items	1,382.2	59.1
Profit attributable to shareholders	3,166.9	1,285.0
Earnings per share: 'A' shares	138.9¢	97.4¢
'B' shares	27.8¢	19.5¢
Dividends per share: 'A' shares — interim	18.0¢	14.7¢
— final, recommended	44.0¢	32.3¢
	62.0¢	47.0¢
'B' shares — interim	3.6¢	2.9¢
— final, recommended	8.8¢	6.5¢
	12.4¢	9.4¢
Net assets per share: 'A' shares	HK$6.94	HK$4.81
'B' shares	HK$1.39	HK$0.96

The profit for 1986 before the extraordinary item increased by 45.6% and additionally there was an extraordinary profit of HK$1,382.2 million arising from the sale of shares on the flotation of Cathay Pacific Airways Limited. Earnings per share, which have been calculated by reference to the profit before extraordinary items and the weighted average number of shares in issue during each year, have been adjusted to reflect the capitalisation issue made in May 1986. Dividends in respect of 1985 have been similarly adjusted.

Cathay Pacific Airways Limited reported attributable profits 58.7% higher than those of 1985. Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited's attributable profit increased by 25.3%. Swire Properties Limited's results were again sharply higher as a result of substantially improved development profits. Shipping, offshore services and dockyard activities recorded losses in depressed market conditions. There was a further improvement in the operating profit of the industries division during 1986. The trading division had a very good year.

Final dividends. The directors of Swire Pacific Limited will recommend to shareholders at the annual general meeting on 28th May 1987 the payment of final dividends of 44.0¢ (1985: 32.3¢) per 'A' share and 8.8¢ (1985: 6.5¢) per 'B' share payable on 2nd June 1987 to shareholders registered on 24th April 1987; the share registers will be closed from 16th April to 24th April 1987, both dates inclusive.

Once again, the final dividends will be satisfied by the issue of scrip to each class of shareholder, with the option being given to shareholders to elect to receive cash in lieu of scrip in respect of part or all of such dividends. Full details of the scrip dividend procedures will be set out in a circular letter which, together with the forms of election for the payment of cash dividends, will be sent to shareholders on 4th May 1987.

Capitalisation issue. The directors will recommend a capitalisation issue of one new 'A' share for every five 'A' shares held and one new 'B' share for every five 'B' shares held on 24th April 1987. The new shares will rank pari passu with the existing shares, except that they will not qualify for the final dividends to be paid in respect of 1986. It is expected that the new shares will be sent to shareholders on 2nd June 1987.

Investment properties and net assets per share. In accordance with the policy of the Group, the annual valuation at open market value of investment properties was carried out at 31st December 1986 by professionally qualified executives of Swire Properties Limited. As a consequence of the 1986 valuation there has been an increase of HK$634.0 million in the valuation reserves of the Group, as compared with an increase of HK$984.4 million at the end of 1985. Taking into account both the retained earnings in 1986 and the increase in the valuation of investment properties, the net asset values of the shares of Swire Pacific Limited at 31st December 1986 were HK$6.94 per 'A' share and HK$1.39 per 'B' share, which compare respectively with HK$4.81 and HK$0.96 at 31st December 1985 after adjustment to reflect the capitalisation issue made in 1986.

Prospects. 1987 has started well for Cathay Pacific Airways which looks forward to another good year provided that the present favourable conditions, including relatively stable fuel prices, generally persist. Swire Properties expects further good results both from properties under development for sale and from its investment property portfolio. Prospects for continued growth in industries division during 1987 are good and the trading division is also looking for improved results. The shipping, offshore services and dockyard division is expected to have another difficult year.

In the present generally favourable business climate, prospects for the Swire Pacific Group as a whole for 1987 are good and we look to the future with confidence.

The Annual Report for 1986 will be sent to shareholders on 4th May 1987.

H.M.P. Miles
Chairman

Hong Kong, 25th March 1987

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Taking stock?

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, left for the United States yesterday to fly Britain's financial flag. His week-long visit, taking in New York, Chicago and Washington, is his first transatlantic trip for eight years. He will be visiting their exchanges, talking to the Securities Exchange Commission and giving two or three press briefings. The trip is seen as a demonstration of his commitment to the chairmanship of the London exchange and is expected to scotch rumours that, after 11 years at its helm, he is about to retire. Stories circulating in the City suggest that he may be considering the directorship of the Victoria and Albert Museum. Sir Nicholas, aged 52, is a keen horologist — collecting clocks and barometers — and the present incumbent at the V & A, Sir Roy Strong, leaves at the end of the year. The £38,000-a-year post is due to be advertised within the next two weeks. But a spokeswoman for Sir Nicholas says: "He is definitely not going to the V & A and he is showing no signs of wanting to retire."



"It's the 'Crack' that follows 'Big Bang'..."

Poll fever

The City's obsession with opinion polls is growing out of hand. The poll results now have so much influence on the markets that devious measures are being employed to obtain them early. Last week one newspaper was besieged by callers keen to disguise their Square Mile roots. A certain stockbroker, who shall be nameless, insisted that he was Sir Robin Day and demanded the results forthwith. But his inability to capture the distinctive Day voice and the sound of his giggling colleagues in the background rather spoiled the effect.

Buttoned up

It's easy to be wise after the event — ask Bob Morton, chairman of Burgess Group, the precision electronic components manufacturer. He is hoping to take the motor industry by storm over the next few years with an electronic device to replace mechanical drive parts in vehicles. But not all Burgess's inventions have proved profitable. For 10 years the group owned the patent on a strange gadget called a push-button telephone, but the great British public showed little interest and eventually the patent was allowed to expire. "It was before my time," adds Morton hastily.

● **Curiouser and curiouser. While poring over the property portfolio of recently acquired LCP Holdings, Ward White chairman Philip Birch, in his bid to dispose of it piecemeal, has unearthed a five-acre field near Ammanford in Wales. "It's bizarre," says a spokesman for the firm. "No one seems to know why it was bought — it hasn't even got any sheep on it." All offers should be forwarded immediately...**

Easy rider

When Sir Godfrey Messervy steps down as chairman of Lucas Industries in July, he will not be severing his family's three-generation link with the motor industry. His non-executive chairmanship of builders Costain will leave him time to serve on the board of the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust, which needs funds and direction if it is to become the premier depositary of our motoring history, as Sir Godfrey hopes. His grandfather was the first Wolseley dealer in Derby, his father was a director of Rolls-Royce, and Sir Godfrey entered Lucas immediately after the army and Cambridge. His abiding mechanical love is, however, for two wheels rather than four. In his youth he raced a Velocette and he once came close to riding a Norton in the Isle of Man Grand Prix. And Sir Godfrey, at 62, still rides a veteran 1000cc Vincent HRD or a Honda superbike. "It can lift the front wheel in third gear," he says with glee.

Carol Leonard

ANALYSIS

Why spread of conifers needles the politicians

The subject of trees is guaranteed to arouse most peoples' emotions. We plant them to enhance our gardens, enjoy walking in our historic woodlands and wrap preservation orders around urban trees to prevent their destruction by indiscriminate developers.

Trees as a crop produce a completely different set of reactions. The recreational value of commercial forests is usually low because often the trees are never thinned, making them impenetrable. Forest roads are sometimes little more than dark tunnels.

While forests attract wildlife, it is usually of a type which is not endangered, displacing species which are endangered.

And many people, frankly, do not like them.

For landowners, investors and the forestry companies, however, forestry is commercially attractive. Landowners see the value of their land increase, investors obtain planting grants and a wide range of tax concessions and the forestry companies acquire the planting contracts.

With government encouragement and subsidy, the pace of afforestation in Britain has been accelerating. But it is reaching a level where there is concern that forestry is being favoured in ways which discriminate against other countryside interests.

An Early Day Motion, which has all-party support, has been tabled in Parliament urging a government review of the financing and practice of afforestation "in view of the impact of coniferous plantations on wildlife, landscape and archaeological interests, and on the public enjoyment of the countryside."

So far, the motion has 49 signatories one of which, Mr Kenneth Warren, Conservative MP for Hastings and Rye, has gone so far as to add an amendment that the Forestry Commission should "halt the planting of alien coniferous trees, such as the Sitka spruce, which have little economic value."

Discovering the economic value of forestry is not easy. It involves cutting through an undergrowth of tax concessions and regulations as dense as the forests they are designed to encourage.

The impression of mystery is enhanced because most planting is carried out without any public consultation. This is because, in Scotland, where 90 per cent of all planting takes place, planning permission is not required. The public, therefore, has no opportunity to comment on afforestation proposals in their locality.

Statutory controls are also limited and the only real controls are those exercised by the Forestry Commission in the administration of the grant scheme.

The private sector is, therefore, not subject to government scrutiny, yet last year it planted 20,000 hectares of forest for which it received £6.8 million in grants and more than £10 million in tax reliefs, the availability of which have bloated land values.

The Forestry Commission, which planted 5,000 hectares, received a subsidy of just above £30 million, net of grants to the private sector.

This year, the acreages to be planted will increase and the cost of forestry to the nation will exceed £50 million.

The yields from forestry are not large. Even with grants and tax reliefs, the best returns appear to be only 7 per cent a year in real terms (that is, after inflation) and more typically are probably nearer 4 per cent.

In real returns, the Forestry Commission achieves between 1¼ per cent — on its poorest land in the far north of Scotland — and 3 per cent, on good land.

These returns compare with equities, which gave an annual real rate of return of more than 14 per cent over the last 10 years, and gilts, which are now yielding just above 5 per cent real.

"The rate of return on forestry depends on the yield class of the land," said Mr John Campbell of the forestry company Economic Forestry Group, "but real rates of 5 to 7 per cent are not unusual. The greatest return is to individuals. The grants and tax concessions combined are essential to give a return."

In many cases, however, the returns are lower than this. Arthur Young Chartered Surveyors calculates that the yields are nearer 3-4 per cent. "This is because the bulk of the tax relief comes at only two specific points in the life cycle — at the beginning and at the end," a spokesman said.

Because returns are so low and the lead times are so long (up to 50 years between planting and harvesting), the forestry industry justifies this generous level of government support by reference to other benefits such as rural employment and import saving.

Such arguments are hard to prove one way or the other. According to evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts, forestry now employs 40,000 people all over Britain. But what is the real cost per job?

Others argue that forestry reduces the value of the countryside from the tourism perspective, endangering an industry which employs 100,000 people in Scotland alone. It is further argued that if we can import logs more cheaply than we can grow them, then that is what we should do.

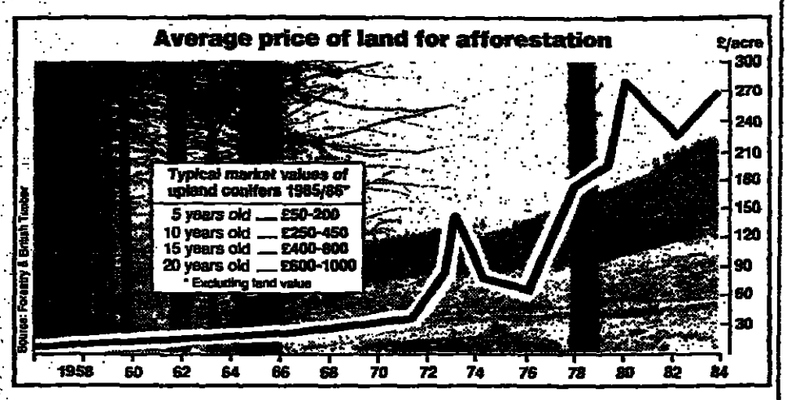
What can be said is that there seems to be a general lack of accountability, especially in the private sector.

Criticisms of blanket afforestation of ecologically sensitive areas of Scotland with monocultures of alien species suggest that the Forestry Commission's controls may be inadequate. But even if they are adequate, planting can still go on without grants because tax reliefs are still available.

Most criticisms of the industry might disappear if forestry were subject to planning controls. It would help also if tax relief were scrapped and, in exchange, bigger grants were awarded to forestry projects which were in harmony with the environment.

Sadly, if government policy is not changed soon, much of Scotland's hill country will inevitably vanish under what Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, Conservative MP for Kinross and West Perthshire, describes as "lavatory brushes".

Carol Ferguson



Forestry land value can grow fast

There is no question that forestry can be a handsome investment. The attractions lie in increased land values, grants, tax reliefs and the tax-free income from the crop at the end of the growth cycle, some 40 to 50 years after planting.

With forestry approval, land values can triple overnight. Sheep farming land worth £80 or £100 an acre will become worth between £250 and £350 an acre.

Typical costs of establishing a forest will be of the order of £400 an acre. This is reduced by Forestry Commission grants — currently worth nearly £100 an acre.

The balance of the planting costs can be set against the investor's other income for tax purposes. At the top tax rate of 60 per cent, the net costs of afforestation is just £120 per acre, implying a 70 per cent subsidy.

During the first five years of the forest's life, the resale value is low. The grant has been spent and tax reliefs used up. The market value of young upland conifers is estimated to be only £50 to £200 an acre. It is usually nearer £50 an acre, according to Arthur Young Chartered Surveyors. This is, therefore, a good time to pass the forest on to children since there will be minimal inheritance tax.

The list of concessions is seemingly endless, from inheritance tax to value-added tax. There is exemption for capital gains tax on the sale of standing timber and when the forest is finally harvested, there is no income tax to pay on the sale of the logs.

US NOTEBOOK

Fed likely to throttle 'growth surge' at birth

The pressures of the huge disequilibria in the world and US economies are bearing down on the Federal Reserve.

Mr Paul Volcker, the Fed's chairman, faced with the threat of further dollar devaluation leading to inflation and, possibly, to a disastrous run on the dollar, began in January to switch the emphasis of US policy.

The "devalue-our-way-to-paradise" comic sketch of Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, was out — tighter money was in. And as a result, the drop in the dollar was arrested brusquely in the last two weeks of January, commodity prices also fell and federal funds have been allowed to drift up to a 6-6¼ per cent range.

The level of banks' reserves plus currency (known as the adjusted monetary base), which was $259.9 billion (£162.4 billion) in the week of January 21, was still only $260.1 billion in the week of March 25, nine weeks later.

Mr Volcker has frozen not only banks' reserves, he has succeeded also in freezing money growth.

Money M3 — a broad monetary aggregate — which had risen hardly at all last month is estimated to show virtually no increase again this month. The Fed has so far this year signalled clearly that inflation will not be allowed and that the dollar must be held firm.

The new tight phase of the Fed's policy comes at a time when real personal consumption spending is very weak and appears most likely to show a negative move this quarter after a decline in the fourth quarter.

Most indicative of the new frugal stance of American consumers is the plight of the car industry. The annual rate of new domestic car sales in the first quarter is now almost certain to be less than the puny 7.2 million rate recorded in the fourth quarter last year.

The main sufferer is General Motors. But even the Japanese are offering discounts to sell vehicles. Stocks are piling up, especially at General Motors, which has about 100 days' supply in stock.

Factory orders recovered somewhat last month from the appalling drop of nearly 10 per cent recorded in January. Even so, the total level of orders for durable goods in January-February was well down on the December quarter.

Total durable goods orders were down 4 per cent and non-defence capital goods orders were down 5.6 per cent, pointing to continued weakness in business fixed-investment spending.

Where is the "surge of growth"?

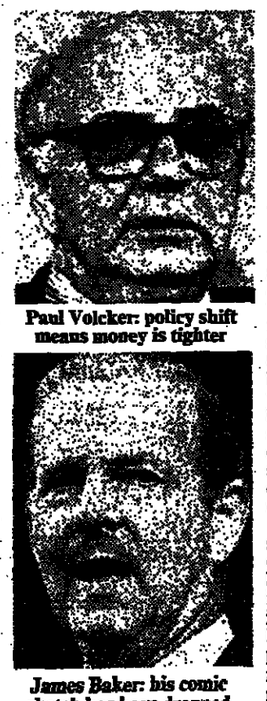
Looking ahead to the coming trend in industrial production, the durable goods orders fail to provide any cheer. What is more, in the Fed's March 13 report on industrial production, it was stated: "The February gain of 0.5 per cent was dominated by a sharp increase in motor vehicle production, which boosted output of both consumer goods and business equipment. In most other sectors, small production increases occurred during the month."

This news is pertinent since it is apparent that sales of domestically produced vehicles are very weak. Accordingly, the slight rise in industrial production in December-February will prove to be temporary, to be replaced by stagnation due mainly to the widespread problems in the car industry.

If the Fed continues its policy of monetary restriction for another month or two — something that seems likely in view of the incessant attacks on the dollar which the Fed has pledged to defend — then the expected "surge of growth" (expected by the consensus, that is, not by me) in the second half of 1987 will not appear.

Caught between a balance-of-payments crisis and a weakening domestic economy, the Fed has given the balance-of-payments crisis top priority so far this year.

Maxwell Newton



Paul Volcker: policy shift means money is tighter

James Baker: his comic sketch has been dropped

COMMENT

Microchip war points to death of free trade

Any examination of the microchip skirmish between the US and Japan must point to one depressing conclusion. Free trade is dead, at least in the sense of the 1948 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

That treaty envisaged a multilateral regime for importers and exporters to compete on an even footing (except for helping developing countries). Trade was to be limited only by gradually falling tariffs that apply equally to all.

Leaders of the free world perennially pay lip service to this concept of free trade at economic summits, and give grave warnings of the dangers it faces. In practice, as a result of their actions, it has already been banished from much of world trade.

The Gatt ideal was never fully realized. In the first 25 years the trend was in the right direction. Rounds of interminable Gatt talks are arranged as though this were still the case. But in the past 15 years, the process has been thrown violently into reverse.

The rot started in 1974 with the Multi-Fibre Arrangement, which imposed detailed individual quotas on textile imports from developing to industrial countries. Fatally, it was allowed under Gatt as a temporary measure to help "structural adjustment". Now, in its fourth term, the MFA is purely a protectionist measure to discriminate between and against developing countries.

The MFA's principles are the mirror image of the spirit of Gatt, but have become the model for the future. Quotas have since multiplied, usually in bilateral deals. As this is illegal under Gatt, most pose as "voluntary" agreements or undertakings, permitting the fiction that trade is still free. British jingoists are now demanding quotas on a wide range of Japanese imports which are actually already subject to them.

Anti-dumping measures have forged the second blade of the scissors of managed trade. Permitted under Gatt to counter non-commercial sales that disrupt markets, they have been converted into instruments to avoid competition.

In a current case, the European Commission is trying to impose anti-dumping penalties on US and other (mainly Scandinavian) producers of kraftliner for cardboard, who traditionally supply more than 80 per cent of EEC needs. Their crime was to sell at world prices during a cyclical slump, endangering the protected profits of a tiny French producer.

The chip dispute is in one sense a pretext to satisfy rampant protectionism in the US Congress. But it encapsulates this new world of managed trade. For the US to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent against other, solely Japanese, goods is a blatant breach of Gatt, described by one approving US Senator as a demand for $300 million reparations.

But the tariffs are not intended to stick. Rather, they are to bludgeon the Japanese government into policing the 1986 US-Japan microchip pact more effectively. And it is the precedent of the pact, rather than the current US attempts to enforce it, that really threatens the world economy.

Like the kraftliner, microchips are in cyclical oversupply. Japan was winning the sales battle. Under the threat of anti-dumping measures, the US pushed Japan into a wide-ranging agreement last July to enforce "fair value" prices in Japan, in exports to the US and, inexcusably, in exports to third countries. It was, indeed, in a shipment of memory chips to Hong Kong that one Japanese manufacturer was caught breaking the minimum price regulations, thus sparking the demand for reparations.

The US and Japan between them dominate world microchip production. So the bilateral pact created a cartel to fix world prices and, moreover, to raise them substantially. Five weeks ago, the European Commission found itself in the ironic position of launching a complaint to Gatt that Japan was fixing prices too high under the pact — although, true to form, a European manufacturer is still seeking protection in anti-dumping measures. In this case, the Commission should be supported. It also had another fully justified complaint.

The pact contains an extraordinary provision that the Japanese government will use its powers and influence to ensure that American-owned companies are given 20 per cent of the Japanese chip market within five years. That is clearly favoured treatment for the US in contravention of Gatt's very first article.

The world's most important new industry has been captured for managed trade. The raw material of the new industrial revolution is to be a vehicle for governments to direct industry, to determine fixed prices and carve up world trade in a cartel.

Open trading can no longer be preserved. It would have to be recreated; and that is unlikely to happen. Britain, the mother of free trade, now hides behind EEC protectionism. The US, which gave free trade back to the postwar world, no longer finds it a winning formula. The future lies with those who want to manage trade: officials trained on the Common Agricultural Policy to negotiate bilateral deals with Eastern Europe; bad losers across the Atlantic who want to change the rules, and MITI organizing Japanese industry to save face. Disintegration into trading blocs is only a matter of time.

Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

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6	Robertson Res	Industrials L-R	
7	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
8	ASDA-MFI (aa)	Foods	
9	Baynes (Charles)	Industrials A-D	
10	Ratners (Jewellers)	Drapery, Stores	
11	SNIA BPD	Chemicals, Plas	
12	Magnetic	Industrials L-R	
13	Bridgend Gp	Industrials A-D	
14	Newarthill	Building, Roads	
15	Fisons (aa)	Industrials E-K	
16	Benchmark	Banks, Discount	
17	Amec	Building, Road	
18	Bank of Wales	Banks, Discount	
19	Grampian Hldgs	Industrials E-K	
20	Fobel	Industrials E-K	
21	Nottingham Brick	Building, Roads	
22	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
23	Rotork	Industrials L-R	
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25	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
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27	Lesgh	Chemicals, Plas	
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34	Cmy Elect	Electricals	
35	Ward Group	Building, Roads	
36	S & U Stores	Drapery, Stores	
37	Tunstall	Electricals	
38	Sale Tilney	Industrials S-Z	
39	Courtaulds Ind	Industrials A-D	
40	Cranford Eng	Industrials A-D	
41	Bentalls	Drapery, Stores	
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557m	Fund	8¼%	1985-87	99½	8.5
1600m	Treas	10%	1987	100	10.0
907m	Treas	3%	1987	98⅝	3.0
1982m	Treas	12%	1987	101⅞	11.8
496m	Treas	7¼%	1985-88	99¼	7.8
1471m	Exch	10¼%	1988	101¼	10.2
1156m	Treas	9¾%	1988	100¼	9.7
1243m	Treas	3%	1978-88	95½	3.1
2063m	Treas	9¼%	1988	100¾	9.4
2345m	Treas	11¾%	1988	104¼	11.0
1438m	Treas	10½%	1989	102¾	10.2
2446m	Exch	10%	1989	101¼	9.8
1265m	Exch	10¼%	1989	101⅝	9.7
2095m	Exch	13¼%	1989	104¼	10.5
563m	Treas	5%	1986-89	93¼	5.3
1156m	Treas	9¾%	1989	100¾	9.4
465m	Treas	3%	1989	92½	3.2
1098m	Treas	13%	1989	107¾	10.7
1469m	Exch	11¼%	1990	104¼	10.5
1363m	Exch	12¼%	1990	109	11.5
491m	Treas	9%	1990	89½	9.4
982m	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	98¼	8.4
1947m	Treas	10%	1990	103	9.7
434m	Exch	2¼%	1990	86¼	2.9
	Conv	6 10½%	1991	107	9.3
2386m	Treas	11¼%	1991	109¾	10.3
374m	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	93½	6.1
1500m	Exch	11%	1991	107½	10.3
345m	Treas	3%	1991	86¾	3.5

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1039m	Treas	12¼%	1992	114¾	11.1
1349m	Treas	10%	1992	103¾	9.6
1710m	Exch	9¾%	1992	100¾	9.5
1529m	Exch	12¼%	1992	113¼	10.8
2085m	Exch	13¼%	1992	118¾	11.1
1255m	Treas	10%	1993	104¾	9.6
1276m	Treas	12¼%	1993	118	10.4
545m	Fund	9%	1993	90¾	8.6
1527m	Treas	13¼%	1993	122¾	11.3
769m	Treas	14¼%	1994	131¾	11.3
1818m	Exch	12¼%	1994	117¼	10.4
1337m	Exch	13¼%	1994	121¾	11.1
1468m	Treas	9%	1994	100	9.0
2708m	Treas	12%	1994	116¾	10.4
171m	Gtn	3%	1990-95	80	3.7
2231m	Exch	10¼%	1995	106¼	9.6
1204m	Treas	12¼%	1995	120¾	10.6
1148m	Treas	13¼%	1996	131¾	10.1
744m	Treas	9%	1992-96	99¼	9.1
1837m	Treas	15¼%	1996	139¼	11.3
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906m	Treas	10%	2001	104¾	9.4
840m	Conv	9¼%	2001	104¾	9.3
1639m	Treas	14%	1998-01	131¾	10.7

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

767m	Conv	10%	2002	107¾	9.3
1900m	Exch	12%	1999-02	118¾	10.1
1420m	Treas	9¼%	2002	105¼	9.3
1074m	Treas	10%	2003	107¾	9.3
2396m	Treas	11¾%	2000-03	133¾	10.2
2257m	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	117¾	9.8
265m	Fund	3½%	1999-04	57½	6.1
1150m	Conv	9¼%	2004	103¾	9.2
1575m	Conv	9¼%	2005	103¾	9.2
1726m	Conv	9¼%	2006	103¾	9.2
2817m	Treas	12¼%	2003-06	128¾	9.6
628m	Treas	8¾%	2002-06	95¼	9.2
361m	Conv	9¼%	2006	103¾	9.2
3829m	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	121¾	9.7
1715m	Treas	13¾%	2004-08	137¾	9.9
909m	Treas	8%	2008	90½	8.8
568m	Treas	5¾%	2008-12	68¾	8.5
619m	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	89¾	8.6
1297m	Exch	12%	2013-17	129¾	9.2

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159m	Consols	4%		45¾	8.2
749m	Cons	3½%		39¾	8.1
81m	Cons	3%		34¾	7.0
19m	Treas	3½%		39¾	8.1
75m	Consols	2½%		27½	9.1
130m	Treas	2½%		27½	9.1

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1294m	Treas	IL 2%	1988	129¾	2.0
572m	Treas	IL 2%	1990	114½	2.0
1279m	Treas	IL 2%	1996	115½	2.1
987m	Treas	IL 2½%	2001	119¾	2.6
768m	Treas	IL 2½%	2003	119¾	2.6
1128m	Treas	IL 2%	2006	112½	2.5
968m	Treas	IL 2½%	2009	107½	2.9
1152m	Treas	IL 2½%	2011	107½	2.9
854m	Treas	IL 2½%	2013	94½	2.9
1648m	Treas	IL 2½%	2016	103	2.9
1168m	Treas	IL 2½%	2020	101	2.9
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283.7m	Hambros	296		+13	10.6a	4.2 10.3
482.2m	Hill Samuel	436		-7	19.1	4.4 9.7
3,096.0m	Hk Shanghai	82		+3	3.3	4.0 ..
13.4m	Jessel (Leopold)	1513		+10	16.2	6.9 21.6
36.1m	Kleinwort Benson	596		-7	19.0	3.2 13.0
2,503.0m	Lloyds (aa)	467		+30	35.7	5.5 5.4
222.6m	Lon Scot	98		+1	4.3	4.3 13.2
574.7m	Mercantile Ind	382		+16	8.8	2.2 ..
58.7m	Do 6% 'A'	138		+1	8.8	6.2 ..
1,488.6m	Midland (aa)	642		+19	46.6	6.0 6.2
584.7m	Morgan Grenfell	1962		+4	15.0	3.8 10.1
737.5m	Nat Acct Bk	226				.. ..
4,490.0m	Nat West (aa)	660		+1	29.3	4.9 6.4
62.5m	Ottoman	1125			6.0	4.6 9.6
165.8m	Provident	377		+4	15.6	4.8 13.0
9,405.0m	REA Gp	339		-3	2.9	1.3 16.4
172.3m	Rothschild (J) Hld	157½		+2	7.6	4.8 16.4

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 23. Dealings end Friday. §Contango day next Monday. Settlement day April 13.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E

BREWERIES

2,779.1m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	401	+10	14.5	3.6	18.3
3,041.6m	Bass (aa)	826	..	24.3	2.9	17.1
37.1m	Bellhaven	72	-2	1.0	1.4	39.5
127.1m	Boddington	140	-1	4.8	3.4	17.7
126.7m	Brown (Matthew)	560	-3	20.0b	3.6	19.5
21.6m	Buckleys	163	-1	4.3	2.6	33.1
101.6m	Burmer (H P)	196	+15	7.7	3.9	20.1
36.2m	Burtonwood Brew	295	+10	15.4	5.2	23.1
43.6m	Clark (Matthew)	566	..	12.1	2.1	17.2
81.1m	Dinkelspiel M Aj	224		3.9	1.7	31.0
270.2m	Greenall Whitley	292		7.9	2.7	14.5
139.0m	Grans Ang	232		8.4	3.6	20.1
2,707.0m	Guinness (aa)	332		11.6	3.5	12.5
26.0m	Harveys & Hansons	662		26.7	4.1	14.3
91.3m	Highland Dist	74		3.1	4.2	14.3
40.0m	Invergordon Dist	175		6.5	3.9	11.2
126.1m	Irish Dist	205		6.0	2.9	..
112.6m	Marston Thompson	122½		3.3	2.5	19.5
49.2m	Morland	240	+2	10.0	1.9	28.2
883.7m	SA Breweries	337				.. ..
702.3m	Scot & Nwc (aa)	235½		10.3	4.4	14.3
288.4m	Vaux	182		17.8	3.1	20.0
1,256.2m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	332	+1	12.8	3.8	15.3
57.9m	Do 'B'	349		11.5	3.3	16.1
200.6m	Whitbread Inv	318		11.0	3.5	40.8
202.8m	Wolverhmpn & D	314		7.9	2.2	17.7
10.4m	Young 'A'	388	+5	11.4	3.2	24.8

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

——	Abbey	225	+2	..	..	..
37.3m	Aberdeen Constr	295		11.6	5.1	20.9
215.8m	Amec	335		15.4	4.9	18.1
35.2m	Anglo Utd	49	-2	2.2	5.1	..
5,150.0m	Amicable	1920	+12	72.0	2.2	24.2
179.2m	Ashwoods	281		14.3	5.1	20.0
1,358.8m	BPB Ind (aa)	711		14.3	2.0	29.8
33.0m	Baggeridge Brick	185	+10	2.5	1.5	22.3
3,083.0m	Bellby (Sir) Constr	88		4.4	0.9	11.4
931.1m	Barratt Devs	196		11.0	6.4	19.6
50.2m	Bellway	218		10.7	4.9	11.6
91.1m	Berkeley Gp	238		3.2	1.1	32.3
15.6m	Best Bros	145		4.4	3.0	27.7
26.5m	Blockleys	215½		39.6	2.5	21.7
1,043.8m	Blue Circle (aa)	511		30.0	5.7	11.5
17.6m	Breedon&Cloud Hill	230		14.6	9.9	27.5
20.5m	Br Dredging	180	-20	4.3	2.3	20.0
7,046.0m	Brown & Jackson	23½				60.3
172.0m	Bryant	172		6.1b	3.5	11.9
37.7m	Bumett & Hallam	16				1.8
4,515.0m	Caledonian Propy	384	+1	4.7	0.5	14.2
517.6m	Cement-Roadstone	200		4.9	2.0	..
15.4m	Conder Gp	188		3.6	1.9	27.2
472.0m	Costain	356		20.0	4.4	10.5
53.9m	Countrywide	200	+2	5.1	2.5	17.1
29.5m	Crouch (Derek)	213		8.5	4.0	19.1
22.7m	Douglas (RM)	150		3.9b	2.6	20.1
20.2m	Ecrit	152	-20	5.0	2.7	24.0
3,014.0m	Fed	174		10.8	6.2	15.0
6,025.0m	Do 'A'	118		2.5	2.1	19.5
18.4m	Federated Hsg	235		9.7	2.8	14.3
9,404.0m	Fmsn Gp	97		5.4b	5.6	23.4
36.1m	Galliford	139		7.2	5.5	23.2
2,436.0m	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	140		6.4	2.1	29.1
42.0m	Greason (W.J)	252		8.4	2.0	11.6
34.0m	Harrison Ind	265		7.1	3.5	..
30.0m	Hebel Bel	280	+205	..	..	..
45.3m	Henderson	224	-11	10.0	4.5	14.9
89.3m	Hewden-Stuart	91		2.5	2.7	16.0
134.4m	Heywood Williams	91		11.1	12.2	17.4
112.2m	Higgs & Hill	68		3.7	5.4	18.3
8,816.0m	Howard Shut	78		2.1	2.7	31.6
234.0m	Ibstock Johnsen	273		9.6	3.1	14.2
6,001.0m	Jarvis (J) & Sons	365		24.3	6.1	..
132.7m	Lamb (J)	316		10.7	2.1	14.5
145.4m	Do 'A'	316		10.7	2.1	14.5
60.7m	Lawrence (Walter)	132		5.7	4.3	10.8
40.6m	Lilley (FJC)	51		5.5a	10.8	8.6
229.9m	Lovell (Y.J)	237		8.7	3.7	15.2
626.6m	Magnet & South	344		24.3	7.1	41.0
51.3m	Manders	349		12.6	3.6	21.1
364.1m	Marley	156		5.9	3.8	18.2
99.2m	Marshalls (Halifax)	221		7.8	3.5	21.0
154.6m	McAlpine (Alfred)	355		20.7	5.7	12.8
222.9m	McCarthy & S	446		14.1	3.1	18.7
341.2m	Mayer Int	347		8.5	2.4	18.5
3,960.0m	Miller (Stanley)	66	+13	1.4	2.1	..
16.4m	Monk (A)	242		6.3	6.1	20.5
368.4m	Mowlem (John)	236		20.7	4.7	13.1
93.5m	Newarthill	350		16.7	1.7	19.0
43.5m	Nottingham Brick	453		11.4	2.5	19.2
69.2m	Persimmon	415		9.6	2.2	15.0
14.2m	Phoenix Timber	138				5.2
4,764.0m	Pochins	350	+20	20.0	4.3	16.5
802.4m	RMC Gp (aa)	1124	+14	29.6	2.4	18.7
54.6m	Rene Ind	124		3.2	2.6	10.4
1,310.1m	Redland (aa)	467	+14	17.1	3.5	15.8
57.7m	Ruberoid	227		12.6	5.5	12.2
344.2m	Rugby Cement	161	+14	8.4	3.2	25.7
103.0m	Sandell Perens	241	+12	3.7	1.5	..
36.9m	Sharpe & Fisher	186		4.3	2.3	28.5
11.7m	Smart (J)	117	+11	6.8	5.8	17.0
1,894.4m	Tarmac (aa)	327		17.1	5.2	22.5
571.9m	Taylor Woodrow	184	+21	12.7	3.2	17.5
53.2m	Tilbury Group	370	+12	8.4	3.1	20.5
109.2m	Travis & Arnold	353		6.2	2.6	23.7
7,769.0m	Trent	113	+12	7.8	1.4	78.5
11.5m	Turriff	353	-5	16.0	3.5	46.7
31.5m	Vibroplant	533	+20	15.6	3.0	18.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1,730.1m	AKZO N/V Bearer	243½	-½	400	9.1	..
353.6m	Allied Colloids	290	-22	4.0	1.4	29.4
278.1m	Amersham	356	-28	10.5	1.9	28.8
12.6m	Anchor Chemical	311		6.1	2.0	18.3
68.0m	BTP	770	+5	7.9	1.0	20.5
5,838.4m	Bayer DM50	1105	+7½	700	6.7	..
48.9m	Blagden	167	-4	10.3	6.2	16.8
94.6m	Brent Chems	178	-3	6.6b	3.7	17.1
69.1m	Br Benzol	92	+4	4.4	4.8	22.2
33.9m	Canning (W)	200	+19	5.7	2.9	20.9
344.6m	Coalite	358	+15	11.1	3.2	13.2
43.6m	Coates Bros	356		7.0	2.7	16.0
49.0m	Do 'A'	213		7.0	3.3	13.4
5,151.0m	Cory (Horace)	28		1.0	3.6	14.4
253.2m	Croda	219	+20	11.4	5.2	22.7
20.3m	Do Dfd	193	-8			20.0
94.3m	Ellis & Everard	288	+4	5.6	1.9	21.6
59.8m	Evode	228	+12	5.5	2.8	16.3
324.7m	Fosco-Minsep	270	+8	12.9	4.7	11.1
34.6m	Halstead (James)	136	-1	7.1	3.0	13.8
118.1m	Hickson	358	+22	25.0	7.2	12.5
4,775.8m	Hoechst DM50	1314½	+9	..	..	..
57.5m	Holt Lloyd	157	-1	6.2	4.9	16.3
8,999.2m	ICI Chem Ind (aa)	813½	+1½	51.4	3.8	14.3
695.5m	Laporte	308	+28	12.6	4.1	15.4
22.7m	Leigh	133	-5	5.5	4.1	19.4
1,868.2m	Norsk Hydro	278	+3	7.6	..	..
73.2m	Plysu	276	+17	27.1	9.8	10.2
29.0m	Rosebrook Hogg	161	-4	3.7	2.3	18.5
349.0m	Rentokil	176	+8	4.0	2.2	16.5
316.3m	SNIA BPD	231	+4	..	..	..
9,913.0m	Societe Sokalmon	76	-2	..	..	89.4
22.3m	Wessanenchmes Rnk	360	+27	12.9	3.6	12.9
31.9m	Yorkshire Chem	234	+18	7.1	3.0	14.6

CINEMAS AND TV

90.5m	Anglia TV 'A'	528		16.1	3.0	14.5
158.2m	Central TV	1800	+25	24.3	1.3	15.5
153.4m	Cinemark	104	+4	2.1	2.0	17.3
70.6m	HTV N/V	345	-5	12.7	3.7	14.9
150.3m	LWT Hldgs	880	+8	36.2p	4.1	22.9
66.8m	Scot TV	868	+38	15.9	2.6	16.2
68.6m	TSW	67	+5	3.2	4.8	17.2
148.6m	TVS N/V	431	+22	14.3	3.3	13.1
258.6m	Thames TV	526	+26	15.0	2.8	..
127.5m	TV-Am	391	+20	5.0	1.6	..
15.2m	Ulster TV	756	+17	40	2.6	16.3
125.2m	Yorkshire TV	379	+21	8.9	2.3	29.5

DRAPERY AND STORES

55.2m	Alexon	282		5.7	2.0	16.4
4,089.0m	Amber Day	39	-½	..	..	20.5
29.6m	Aquascutum 'A'	74	-1	3.6	4.8	20.5
335.1m	Ashley (Laura)	158	-10	2.5	1.5	26.8
55.6m	Bambe (James) 'A'	124	-4	3.8	3.1	17.4
41.5m	Bandalls	214	-4	3.3	2.2	31.7
41.6m	Blacks Leis	215				..
146.6m	Body Shop	286	+20	2.1	0.3	76.4
6,130.0m	Bremner	542		43	6.3	30.7
——	Brown (N)	542				..
1,584.1m	Burton (aa)	306		9.1	2.6	18.6
9,812.0m	Cameron 'A'	169		3.8	2.1	15.2
18.1m	Cater (S)	345		12.0	3.5	15.1
45.9m	Church	448		13.6	3.1	15.1
1,574.3m	Coats Viyella (aa)	218	+15	10.1	3.2	13.7
214.7m	Combined English	275	-4	10.4	3.8	24.7
30.9m	Courts (Furn) 'A'	84		5.7	6.8	12.7
34.4m	DAKS Simpson 'A'	845		10.0	1.2	17.5
85.1m	Dawsons Int	68	-2	1.2	1.8	15.6
1,412.5m	Dixons Gp (aa)	570	+22	18.0	3.2	14.5
282.5m	Dunns	358		8.8	1.4	21.1
28.6m	Ellis & Goldstein	98		3.6	3.6	25.0
7,020.0m	Elys (Wimbledon)	283		8.8	2.3	22.6
89.6m	Empire Stores	232	-12	6.3	2.7	23.6
131.2m	Etam	93	+3	5.3	5.7	17.9
3,621.0m	Executive Clothes	178	+14	8.9	5.0	17.4
199.4m	Fine Art Dev	208	+16	8.7	2.3	21.4
12.3m	Ford (Marmy)	77				..
7,482.0m	Forminster	283	+3	9.6	4.3	9.3
283.3m	Freemans	1100	-24	11.7	2.7	15.2
28.6m	Gent SR	203	+4	9.1	4.7	15.3
23.2m	Goldberg (A)	136	-3	5.9	4.3	16.9
40.5m	Goodmans Gp	270		11.4	4.2	20.0
182.7m	GUS	1184		31.4p	1.7	26.6
3,153.1m	Do 'A' (aa)	1184		31.4	1.7	26.6
505.4m	Harris Queensway	215	-5	7.6	3.5	17.1
10.4m	Hearne Of London	68		2.3	3.4	19.9
13.9m	Hobbs	80		2.3	2.9	16.1
19.8m	House Of Lerose	210		11.4	5.4	18.6
11.0m	Jones (Ernest)	110		5.5	5.1	17.5
189.5m	LCP	288	+3	6.6b	2.8	22.2
6,075.0m	Lasers Prop	71½		3.1	2.5	..
65.1m	Lee Cooper	85		5.3	1.5	18.4
37.8m	Liberty	845		11.1	1.3	28.6
5,967.0m	Marks Spencer (aa)	350		14.4	4.1	20.6
213.3m	Mendes (John)	314		6.0	1.6	18.3
213.3m	Mendes (Jules)	314		6.0	1.6	18.3
19.5m	Moss Bros	840		8.4	1.3	30.3
843.7m	Next	331½		7.1	2.1	23.9
10.2m	Oliver (G)	480		13.1	3.3	23.2
66.3m	Pentos	230	+2	7.4	3.2	16.6
15.6m	Priady (Alfred)	178		3.3	3.5	32
292.3m	Rumers (Jewellers)	327	+7	4.3p	1.3	12.2
9,799.0m	Reed (Austin)	373	+3	7.9	2.1	25.5
50.4m	Do 'A'	353		7.5	2.1	24.8
4,312.0m	S & U Stores	918	+45	69	7.5	12.7
1,977.0m	Sears (aa)	132½		5.0	3.8	17.1
523.4m	Smith (WH) 'A'	353		9.1	2.6	18.1
92.5m	Do 'B'	667		9.1	1.4	27.7
31.1m	Stanley (AG)	122	+20	4.9	4.0	19.5
55.6m	Sweet & Simpson 'A'	98		5.2	5.3	19.6
1,247.2m	Storehouse (aa)	306	+2	11.0	3.6	15.4
21.2m	Stormguard	81				33.9
1,079.0m	Sumit Copies	51				..
168.3m	Supercrug Stores	480		8.3	1.7	22.7
60.3m	Tibbet & Britten	194		5.0	2.5	21.3
64.0m	Time Products	158	+11	3.2	2.5	23.6
17.4m	Top Tex Dhdg	138	-4			21.8
53.8m	Underwoods	198	-15	4.3	2.2	20.6
466.8m	Ward White	347	+2	10.7	3.1	16.7

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USM REVIEW

Rockwood is driving off with Bond's distribution service

Rockwood Holdings, the USM minnow in the process of establishing three divisions in distribution, security and defence and, eventually, financial services, has acquired a complete security distribution operation in one swoop.

In a deal with the mighty Hanson Trust, Rockwood is buying the Imperial Tobacco subsidiary Bond's Delivery Service for £3.75 million in cash. It has 130 high-security vehicles and specializes in the distribution of cigarettes, tobacco, wines and spirits.

Because of its Imperial connection, more than 60 per cent of its turnover comes from its tobacco parent and Imperial has signed a contract with Rockwood ensuring that the business stays with Bond's for at least another two years.

Based in Bristol, Bond's has 12 other depots in Britain and has net tangible assets of £3.25 million. In 11 months last year, it made pretax profits of £335,000 from turnover of £7.5 million.

Mr Tom Forrest, the chairman of Rockwood, said: "It's a marvellous start for the company. It's our first physical distribution service and our aim is to do more business with other tobacco and spirits companies — now that it is no longer owned by Imperial — and to expand into other areas of high-value goods."

Rockwood came to the USM four years ago as a spin-off from W Canning, under the name of HB Electronic. Canning maintained an 83 per cent interest in the company until last July, when the existing management of Rockwood — led by Mr Forrest — bought some of the shares from Canning and bought up all the shares allocated to Canning in a rights issue. The management now speaks for about 30 per cent of the company.



Tom Forrest: 'marvellous start for the company'

At the time of last summer's rights issue, Rockwood's shares stood at 40p. On Tuesday of last week, as the company unveiled its results and announced it was in the advanced stages of negotiating an acquisition, the shares were suspended at 108p.

An annual meeting, at which the acquisition is expected to be approved by shareholders, is being held on April 16 and the shares are expected to return from suspension immediately after Easter.

Rockwood's results showed a leap in profits from £1,000 last time to £154,000, with turnover rising from £4.6 million to £5.6 million.

An acquisition in the financial services sector could be next. Mr Forrest said: "We're looking for the right niche."

Crime spurs security business

The recent crime figures may have made depressing reading for most people, but to those like Mr Brian Kingham, chairman of Reliance Security Group, they were like pennies from heaven.

Private security is a multi-million pound industry in Britain, thanks to a soaring crime rate which companies such as Reliance are making the most of.

Reliance was formed by Mr Kingham in 1973 and also boasted, at one time, a recruitment agency. This was bought a few years ago by Mr Tony Berry's fast-growing Blue Arrow, with Mr Kingham elected to the Blue Arrow board. But the association was short-lived and he eventually sold his stake and went back to developing Reliance Security.

Reliance, which specializes in security patrols and manned guarding, covers more than 700 sites ranging from government buildings to factories and commercial properties. It operates from 13 centres stretching from Brighton to Birmingham. Another is due to open this week in Warrington. Reliance is looking to expand geographically and eventually hopes to provide a national network.

Now the group is joining the USM. Charterhouse Bank, along with Charterhouse Tilney and L Messel, the joint brokers, has arranged a placing of 1.8 million shares (17.4 per cent) at 140p a share, valuing the company at £14.4 million.

The group hopes to raise £1.7 million from the issue to fund future expansion and acquisitions. Mr Kingham is selling 350,000 shares, but will continue to hold 80 per cent of the equity after the flotation.

Making acquisitions, however, can be difficult — especially in the highly-competitive security industry — as Mr Kingham has learned to his cost. In March 1984, he bought a privately-owned, loss-making intruder alarm installation business for £250,000. But by the following December it had to be closed

Undeterred, Mr Kingham is still looking to make other acquisitions and, once again, will be concentrating his efforts on intruder alarm installation and servicing.

Reliance has enjoyed steady profit growth over the past five years, apart from the hiccup in 1984 when profits dipped from £602,000 to £447,000. Last year it made pretax profits of £1.16 million. For the current year to April 5, it forecasts pretax profits of £1.5 million and a net dividend of at least 4.5p for the year to April next year. Turnover since 1981 has grown by 150 per cent, rising to £18.63 million last year.

Reliance is coming to the market on a prospective p/e of 12.6.

Michael Clark

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10⅝ Low 7
Week fixed: 9⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 mnth 9⅝ / 2 mnth 9⅝
3 mnth 9⅝ / 3 mnth 9⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9⅝-9⅝ / 2 mnth 9⅝-9⅝
3 mnth 9⅝-9⅝ / 6 mnth 9⅝-9

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10⅛ / 2 mnth 10¼
3 mnth 10⅛ / 6 mnth 9⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10¼ close 7
1 week 10¼-10 / 6 mnth 9⅞-9⅝
1 mnth 10-9⅞ / 9 mnth 9⅝-9½
3 mnth 9⅝-9¼ / 12 mnth 9¼-9⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9¾ / 7 days 9¾
1 mnth 9¾ / 3 mnth 9½
6 mnth 9¼ / 12 mnth 8¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10-9¾ / 2 mnth 9¾-9⅝
3 mnth 9¾-9½ / 6 mnth 9⅝-9⅝
9 mnth 9⅝-9⅜ / 12 mnth 9½-9⅜

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 9⅝-9⅝ / 3 mnth 9⅝-9⅝
6 mnth 9⅝-9⅝ / 12 mnth 9⅝-9¼

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.45-6.40 / 3 mnth 6.40-6.35
6 mnth 6.40-6.35 / 12 mnth 6.50-6.45

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	6⅛-5⅝
7 days	6¼-6⅛	1 mnth	6⅞-6⅝
3 mnth	6⅛-6⅛	6 mnth	6½-6⅜
Deutschemark	call	4¼-3¾
7 days	3⅞-3¾	1 mnth	3⅝-3¾
3 mnth	3⅝-3⅝	6 mnth	4-3⅞
French Franc	call	8-7
7 days	7⅝-7¼	1 mnth	8-7⅝
3 mnth	8-7⅝	6 mnth	8-7⅝
Swiss Franc	call	1⅝-1
7 days	11⅜-11¼	1 mnth	4⅛-3⅝
3 mnth	3⅝-3⅝	6 mnth	3¾-3⅝
Yen	call	4¼-3⅞
7 days	5-4¾	1 mnth	4¾-4½
3 mnth	4⅛-3⅝	6 mnth	4⅛-3⅝

BULLION

Gold $416.50-417.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 420.00-423.00 (£262.00-264.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 98.50-100.50 (£62.00-62.75)
Platinum
$ 553.50 (£345.05)
Silver
$ 6.0700-6.0900 (£3.7850-3.8000)

TREASURY BILLS

Applics: £371.7M / allotted: £100M
Bids: £97.67% / received: 27%
Last week: £97.725% / received: 70%
Avge rate: £9.3157% / last wk £9.1104%
Next week: £100M / replace £100M

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 31, 1987 to February 27, 1987 inclusive: 10.896 per cent.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER FOR SALE AND THE STOCKS LISTED BELOW ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DIRECT FROM THE BANK OF ENGLAND. OFFICIAL DEALINGS IN THE STOCKS ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE ON MONDAY, 30TH MARCH 1987.

Issues of Government Stock

The Bank of England announces that Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 27th March 1987, and has issued to the Bank, additional amounts as indicated of each of the Stocks listed below:

£150 million 2½ per cent INDEX-LINKED TREASURY STOCK, 2011
£100 million 2½ per cent INDEX-LINKED TREASURY STOCK, 2024

The price paid by the Bank on issue was in each case the middle market price of the relevant Stock at 3.30 p.m. on 27th March 1987 as certified by the Government Broker.

In each case, the amount issued on 27th March 1987 represents a further tranche of the relevant Stock, ranking in all respects pari passu with that Stock and subject to the terms and conditions applicable to that Stock, and subject also to the provision contained in the final paragraph of this notice; the current provisions for Capital Gains Tax are described below.

Copies of the prospectuses for the Stocks listed above, dated 22nd January 1982 (as amended by the supplement to the prospectus dated 9th March 1982) and 19th December 1986 respectively, may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for each further tranche of stock to be admitted to the Official List.

The Stocks are repayable, and interest is payable half-yearly, on the dates shown below (provision is made in the prospectuses for stockholders to be offered the right of early redemption under certain circumstances):

Stock	Redemption date	Interest payment dates
2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2011	23rd August 2011	23rd February 23rd August
2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2024	17th July 2024	17th January 17th July

Both the principal of and the interest on the Stocks are indexed to the General Index of Retail Prices. The index figure relevant to any month is that published seven months previously and relating to the month before the month of publication. The index figure relevant to the month of issue of 2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2011 is that relating to May 1981 (294.1); the equivalent index figure for 2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2024 is that relating to April 1986 (385.3). These index figures will be used for the purposes of calculating payments of principal and interest due in respect of the relevant further tranches of stock; as provided for in the prospectuses for the two Stocks, the calculations will take account of the revision of the index to a new base of January 1987=100 (on the old base the index for January 1987 was 394.5).

The relevant index figures for the half-yearly interest payments on the Stocks are as follows:

Interest payable	Relevant index figure Published in	Relating to
February	July of the previous year	June
August	January of the same year	December
January	June of the previous year	May
July	December of the previous year	November

The further tranche of 2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2011 will rank for a full six months' interest due on 23rd August 1987. The further tranche of 2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2024 will rank for the interest payment of £1.1809 per cent to be made on 17th July 1987.

2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2011 is specified, and 2½ per cent Index-Linked Treasury Stock, 2024 will be specified, under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 as a gilt-edged security (under current legislation exempt from tax on capital gains, irrespective of the period for which the Stock is held).

Government statement

Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29th May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, these further tranches of stock are issued or sold by or on behalf of the Government or the Bank; that no responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure; and that such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON

27th March 1987

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range	Market rates close		
	March 27	March 27	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6015-1.6070	1.6015-1.6025	0.47-0.44prem	1.29-1.24
Montreal	2.0905-2.1015	2.0908-2.0937	0.52-0.44prem	1.49-1.33prem
Amst'dam	3.2930-3.3068	3.2930-3.3075	1¾-1prem	3⅝-3¼prem
Brussels	50.37-50.70	50.37-50.49	17-15prem	43-32prem
C'phgen	11.0103-11.0417	11.0114-11.0343	par-¼dis	1¼-2dis
Dublin	1.0930-1.1016	1.0941-1.0951	30-36dis	80-90dis
Frankfurt	2.9185-2.9381	2.9185-2.9227	1⅝-1⅝prem	4¼-4prem
Lisbon	224.87-226.59	224.87-225.81	62-146dis	2251-370dis
Madrid	205.02-206.68	205.02-205.47	111-142dis	271-323dis
Milan	2077.45-2093.80	2077.45-2081.85	1prem-1 dis	1 prem
Oslo	10.9634-11.0401	10.9634-10.9883	3¼-4⅛dis	12½-13¼dis
Paris	9.7118-9.7565	9.7118-9.7251	1¾-1¼prem	4⅜-3⅝prem
St'khlm	10.1616-10.2302	10.1615-10.1639	1-1⅛dis	2¾-3¼dis
Tokyo	236.39-238.45	236.39-236.75	1¼-1prem	3¼-3prem
Vienna	20.50-20.60	20.50-20.53	9⅝-8¾prem	27-24dis
Zurich	2.4320-2.4451	2.4320-2.4359	1¼-1prem	3-3¼prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 71.9 (day's range 71.8-72.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.4821-2.4734
Australia dollar	2.2972-2.3004
Bahrain dinar	0.6025-0.6065
Brazil cruzado*	34.3373-34.5305
Cyprus pound	0.7690-0.7760
Finland markka	7.1645-7.1845
Greece drachma	213.85-215.85
Hong Kong dollar	12.506-12.516
India rupee	20.45-20.65
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4385-0.4425
Malaysia dollar	4.0382-4.0434
Mexico peso	1765.0-1815.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8380-2.8399
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9820-6.0320
Singapore dollar	3.4286-3.4305
S Africa rand (fin)	4.6478-4.7192
S Africa rand (com)	3.2657-3.2779
U A E dirham	5.9820-5.9060
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4640-1.4670
Singapore	2.1370-2.1380
Malaysia	2.5190-2.5200
Australia	0.6977-0.6982
Canada	1.3063-1.3068
Sweden	6.3560-6.3600
Norway	6.8900-6.8950
Denmark	6.8850-6.8700
West Germany	1.8215-1.8222
Switzerland	1.5170-1.5180
Netherlands	2.0555-2.0565
France	6.0800-6.0840
Japan	147.45-147.55
Italy	1297.0-1300.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.75-37.78
Hong Kong	7.7995-7.8005
Portugal	140.60-141.10
Spain	128.00-128.20
Austria	12.81-12.83

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

COMPANY NEWS

● **RELYON GROUP:** Total dividend for 1986 5.3p (4.65p) and one-for-three scrip issue proposed. With figures in £000: Turnover 25,697 (22,753). Pretax profit 2,681 (2,162). Earnings per share 14.24p (12.57p).

● **LONDON PARK HOTELS:** Total dividend held at 10p for 1986. With figures in £000: Turnover 7,502 (8,457). Pretax profit 1,652 (1,065). Extraordinary credit 2,527 (169). Earnings per share 32.32p (17.34p).

● **IPECO HOLDINGS:** Total payment for 1986 2.85p (nil). With figures in £000: Turnover 8,686 (8,630). Pretax profit 3,018 (2,964).

● **AG STANLEY:** Total payment for 1986 3.25p (2.5p). With figures in £000: Turnover 64,641 (59,861). Pretax profit 3,205 (2,689). Earnings per share 7.79p (5.82p).

● **ARLINGTON SECURITIES:** Total dividend for 1986 2.2p. With figures in £000: Turnover 21,344 (43,375). Pretax profit 7,051 (3,101). Earnings per share 9.08p (4.12p).

● **TOPS ESTATES:** The company is raising about £8 million by the issue of up to £976,159 nominal of 7.5 per cent convertible, unsecured loan stock, 2014, by rights at 825p per £1 nominal of stock. Basis: £1 nominal of stock for every 20 ordinary shares and for every £10 of loan stock.

● **MURRAY ELECTRONICS:** Half-year to January 31. With figures in £000: Revenue (dividends and interest) 672 (675). Pretax revenue 346 (288). Earnings per share 0.82p (0.59p).

THIRD MARKET

Capitalization	Company	Price on Friday	Weekly Change
6.685365m	Abelcot Group	250	+28
4.837832m	Aberdeen Am Petrol	32½	-1
3.569670m	Allied Insurnce	113	+1
3.846363m	Catalyst Commercial	48	+1
11.33116m	Corton Beach	62½	-2
4.054784m	Edenspring Inv	155	+30½
18.71100m	Eglinton Oil Ireland	33	-5
1.085338m	Do. Warrants	19	-2
2.951413m	Publishing Holdings	29	+5
7.107487m	Theme Holdings	49½	n/c
4.637250m	Unit Group	114½	-2

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
75.2m	Alba	190	●+3	3.8h	2.4	29.3
490.8m	Alliance	974	●+33	35.7	3.7	37.8
128.6m	Amer Trust	157	+3	4.7	3.0	33.4
570.6m	Anglo Amer Sec	474	●+10	10.0	2.1	58.4
157.7m	Atlantic Assets	134	+1	8.0	6.0	16.7
125.4m	Bankers	151	+1	2.1	2.8	57.9
88.8m	Berry	382		7.5	0.5	
256.8m	Br Assets	77	●+1	3.3h	4.3	35.2
58.0m	Br Empire Sec	44	+1	0.9	2.0	
348.1m	Br Inv	558	+10	22.6	4.1	36.8
78.7m	Brunner	123	●+3	3.5	2.8	50.4
138.5m	Cont & Ind	518	●	31.4	6.0	19.1
91.6m	Crescent Japan	372	●	0.1	0.0	
18.8m	Derby Inc	160	+3	13.0	8.1	17.5
25.8m	Do Cap	282	+3			
157.0m	Drayton Cons	466	+29	16.4	3.5	43.0
57.0m	Drayton Far East	228	●+10	1.7	0.8	
196.3m	Drayton Japan	727	●+8	1.5	0.2	
48.3m	Dundee Loh	276	+2	8.8	3.1	45.3
66.6m	Edin Amer Asset	252		0.9	0.3	
535.4m	Edinburgh	187	+2	5.5h	2.8	58.0
62.7m	Electric Gen	513	+6	6.8	1.3	85.9
44.2m	English Int	214	+7	5.5	2.5	59.8
29.2m	English Scot	124	●	2.9	2.3	42.5
229.4m	Ensign	78		1.3	1.7	76.5
67.7m	F & C Alliance	152		2.7	1.8	68.0
139.8m	F & C Pacific	263	+6	2.1	0.8	
11.4m	First Charlotte	92	●+1¼	0.1	0.7	
130.5m	First Scot Amer	422	●+4	17.1	4.1	34.0
105.1m	Fleming American	636		8.9	1.4	
49.8m	Fleming Claver	243	●+1	3.3	2.3	42.2
41.6m	Fleming Enterprise	194	●	12.9	6.7	45.2
237.3m	Fleming Far East	157	●-2	1.4	0.9	
24.3m	Fleming Flodging	184	●+6	3.6	1.9	75.5
126.0m	Fleming Japan	164	+2	1.0	0.6	76.8
276.0m	Fleming Mercantile	191	●+1	5.4	2.8	50.8
245.7m	Fleming Overseas	185	+2	2.9h	1.5	91.5
74.9m	Fleming Tech	190	+5	0.9	0.5	
110.5m	Fleming Universal	170		2.1h	1.2	82.9
66.1m	Fox Cp	180	●	2.4	1.5	72.1
63.6m	GSC Capital	115	+1			
76.5m	GT Japan	258	+9	2.0	0.8	
70.9m	General Cons	380	●+6	18.6	4.9	28.7
68.0m	General Funds	278	●+25	5.1	1.8	
60.2m	Glasgow Stock	181	+1	3.9	2.1	73.9
821.9m	Globe (ss)	158	+2½	5.3	3.4	40.8
139.7m	Govett Atlantic	185	+4	4.3p	2.6	49.7
344.3m	Govett Oriental	272	+5	3.3	1.2	
319.9m	Govett Strategy	325	+2	5.4	1.7	61.3
34.4m	Greenfriar	459	●	2.5	0.7	
17.7m	Grisdlish House	430		8.4	2.0	46.2
132.5m	Hambros	248	+6	6.4	2.6	54.7
81.0m	Indus Fund	106				
80.4m	Invest in Success	368	●+10	8.6	0.9	
220.7m	Inv Cap	357	●+5	17.1h	4.8	33.3
44.2m	Ivory & Sime	161	-2	7.1	3.9	24.8
40.5m	Japan Assets	67		0.7	1.0	
104.5m	Kleinwort Charter	129	●+6	3.7	2.9	46.2
129.1m	Kleinwort G Asset	161	●	3.6	2.2	63.8
18.4m	Kleinwort Smaller	180		3.6	2.1	44.1
69.4m	Law Debenture	308	+3	10.7	3.5	28.8
143.8m	Lon Merchant Sec	90		3.7	4.1	18.7
64.1m	Lon Trust	70		1.1e	1.6	76.9
162.6m	Merchants	152		6.4	4.0	34.4
2,502.4m	Merrill Lynch	228½	+½			
195.5m	Mobil	252		3.7h	1.5	66.1
182.7m	Murray Income	198	+3	8.5h	4.3	36.7
229.4m	Murray Int	180	●+1	8.0	4.4	37.4
107.1m	Murray Small	385		4.1n	1.1	
50.3m	Murray Venture	242	+2	7.1h	2.9	56.1
28.4m	Nth Atlantic	588	+2	22.5	4.0	33.5
6,991.0m	New Darien Gt	68	+2	1.0	1.5	65.4
29.1m	Nwbrdg Inc 83	74½	+1½	4.8h	6.4	21.0
53.0m	New Tokyo	252	●+7	0.3	0.1	
75.0m	Nth Atlantic Sec	462		4.9	1.2	
4,320.0m	Nth Sea Assets	36½				10.7
148.5m	Nthn Assn	443	+3	7.7	1.7	
17.2m	Pacific Assets	144	+2	1.1	0.8	
	Do Wrnts	98	+1			
7,699.000	Personal Assets	517½		0.5	1.0	
133.7m	Raeburn	500	+4	19.3	3.9	40.2
103.2m	River & Merc	215		10.0h	4.7	35.6
51.4m	River Plate	202	●+2	12.9	6.4	35.5
	Robeco	310				
	Rolinco	277				
119.4m	Rosebury	416	●+7	7.1	1.7	
3,073.0m	Romanti	215p				
57.5m	St Andrew Inv Tst	178	●	3.0	2.5	47.7
88.4m	Schroder Global	240	+4	8.0	2.5	51.3
386.4m	Scottish	455	+2	9.4	2.1	69.5
212.4m	Scot American	95	●+1	2.9h	3.1	54.3
310.4m	Scot Eastern	147	●-2	3.1	2.1	64.5
14.4m	Scot Mert 'A'	90		5.4	7.1	
472.5m	Scot Mtge	655	+10	12.6	1.9	70.7
297.1m	Scot Nat	375	+2	7.6	2.0	62.9
163.7m	Second Alliance	653	+4	27.9	4.3	42.0
179.3m	Secs Tst of Scotland	112		4.8h	3.8	41.2
41.8m	Smaller Cos	105	+3	2.0	1.9	74.1
35.6m	TR Australia	119		3.3	2.8	35.5
145.3m	TR City Of Lon Dfd	76	+1	3.1	4.1	35.7
545.9m	TR and E Cons	138	+2	2.9h	2.2	54.5
82.5m	TR Natural Res	156	+2	5.9	3.8	33.5
70.4m	TR North America	110	+2	2.8h	2.4	35.8
146.3m	TR Pacific Basin	212½	+1½	1.4	0.7	
114.0m	TR Property	98	+2	1.9	1.8	54.7
302.1m	TR Tech	140	+3	2.5	1.8	68.0
204.9m	TR Trustees	115	+3	3.1	2.7	51.1
123.6m	Temple Bar	215	●+8	9.9	4.1	31.5
225.3m	Throgmorton	405	●+8	13.7	3.4	43.5
10.9m	Throg Dual	310				
94.3m	Tribune	184	●+1	4.8	2.6	43.3
21.9m	Triplevest Inc	91½	+1	17.1	18.7	8.3
252.9m	US Dscontinu	368	●+2	9.3	2.5	48.7
8,218.000	Value Inc Tst	52	+2	1.8	3.5	
19.4m	Viking Resources	48½		2.5	5.0	23.9
83.7m	Westpool	85		2.3	2.7	41.8
462.5m	Wlson	135½	+1	2.5b	1.9	77.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
ns	American Express	248½	-½			
35.9m	Argyle	198	●+13	2.9	1.7	50.3
52.7m	Brunswood	34				91.8
366.4m	Bremner Arrow	178		7.1	4.0	15.0
159.8m	Daily Mail	232	+1	85.7	2.7	18.5
149.6m	Do 'A'	230		85.7	2.9	18.1
29.1m	Electra	191	+4	5.5	3.1	44.1
37.4m	Eng Trust	179		4.3	2.4	18.8
784.6m	Exco	205		6.0	1.8	21.8
16.0m	Exploration	133		3.3	2.5	17.5
54.2m	Frendgton	138	●	15.7	11.4	24.5
21.3m	Frost Gp	151		7.1	4.7	16.2
115.2m	GT Management	238	-3	4.3	1.8	17.9
71.2m	Goode Durant	185	+1	3.8	1.9	26.2
283.8m	Henderson Admin	515½		10.1	1.7	25.1
100.6m	ICH	203	●-9	12.9	6.4	9.0
331.9m	Mill	519	●-22	27.9	5.4	11.0
210.9m	M & G	282	+16	7.5	2.7	20.8
262.5m	Meyercrdt House	334	-4	20.0	6.0	8.4
48.8m	Smith New Court	167	-7	10.0	6.0	8.2

FREE TRIAL OFFER

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Let's imagine that in the Autumn of 1982 you took out a free trial subscription to our weekly newsletter, STOCKMARKET CONFIDENTIAL. You invested £500 and three years nine months later you had made a colossal profit of £94,474. Impossible? Assuming that you bought and sold at the mid price, it was possible — here's how you did it.

FOLLOWING THE EXPERT'S EXPERT

In November 1982 you accepted a free trial subscription to STOCKMARKET CONFIDENTIAL. After monitoring the success of our tips for the first four weeks you were then confident enough to take the plunge. You invested £500 in a penny share, Samson, tipped in our issue of December 22. A few weeks later the shares had gone up from 12p to 52p and we advised you to sell. You found yourself with a tidy profit of £2,068.

Being prudent you waited a month or so before having a second go. You then followed another of our penny share tips, Dollonds Photographic, and invested the whole of the £2,068. Ten weeks later the shares had gone from 78p to 155p. You sold on our advice, and your original £500 had risen to £3,924.

Faithfully following our buy/sell recommendations you then saw your capital quickly multiply:

Share Bought	Date Bought	Date Sold	Bought at	Sold at	Capital* after sale
Twinlock	3/6/83	5/10/83	41p	71p	£5,496
Hampton Trust	16/11/83	10/10/84	26p	35p	£8,343
Samuelson Group	14/11/84	23/1/85	450p	755p	£13,367

*An allowance of 4½% has been made for dealing costs.

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Jewish divorce is not recognized

Maples v Maples
Maples (formerly Melamud) v Melamud

Before Mr Justice Latey

[Judgment March 26]

Section 8(1) of the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1933 did not apply to judgments relating to marital status. It followed that a Jewish divorce (*get*), obtained in London and adjudged valid under Israeli law by the Rabbinical Court in Haifa did not under English law dissolve the marriage between the parties, and consequently the wife's second marriage was a nullity.

Mr Justice Latey so held in the Family Division when granting a decree of nullity to Mrs Louise Maples, of Whetstone, on her undefended petition against her second "husband" and a decree nisi on her defended divorce petition against her first husband, Mr Yair Melamud, of Billericay.

Mr E. James Holman for the wife; Mr Hugh Morgan for the first husband.

MR JUSTICE LATEY said that the wife presented two petitions. She asked for a decree of nullity of the marriage with Mr Maples which had taken place at St Albans on August 7, 1978. Also she prayed that her marriage to Mr Melamud in Haifa on September 3, 1968 be dissolved.

Mr and Mrs Melamud had lived in Haifa until 1974, when they came to England. The marriage had broken down in late 1976. The husband was prepared to agree to a *get* but not to a civil divorce under English law.

In June 1977 the husband granted *get* at Beth Din, Tavistock Square. The wife went to live with Mr Maples. The wife and Mr Maples wished to marry but the Registrar General refused to authorize a marriage.

Consequently in April 1978 the husband went to the Rabbinical Court in Haifa and obtained a Judgment of Confirmation certifying the *get* was valid under Israeli law but omitting that it had taken place in London.

It sufficed to enable the wife and Mr Maples to go through a marriage ceremony. The Registrar General had written a cautionary letter saying that it was questionable whether the marriage would be valid in English law.

Both petitions depended on whether the *get* coupled with the Judgment of Confirmation had dissolved the marriage and was valid under English law.

The *get* was an extra-judicial proceeding which would not be recognized by virtue of section 16(1) of the Domicile and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1973. The *get* would only be valid in England if there was some basis of recognition other than pursuant to the 1973 Act.

Mr Morgan had submitted that the *get* coupled with the *Judgment of Confirmation* was valid by virtue of section 8(1) of the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1933 and that the finding of the Haifa Rabbinical Court was within the section.

However, that finding did not dissolve the marriage. All it did was to certify that the requirements for a valid *get* had been met.

Mr Holman had argued that the tenor of the 1933 Act concerned commercial and tortious civil actions not involving marital status.

In the field of matrimonial law there were express statutory provisions dealing with validity and recognition of foreign divorce and nullity decrees: the Recognition of Divorces and Legal Separations Act 1971 and the Domicile and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1973. Were the provisions of those Acts outflanked by the 1933 Act?

His Lordship was not alone in finding the words of section 8(1) difficult to fathom. Lord Reid had described it as "obscure": see *Black-Clawson International Ltd v Papierwerke Waldhof-Aschaffenburg AG* ([1975] AC 591, 617).

In his Lordship's judgment the correct interpretation was that the 1933 Act did not apply to judgments of marital status. The words of of section 8(1) of the 1933 Act were "... a judgment ... shall be recognized in any court in the United Kingdom as conclusive between the parties thereto in all proceedings founded on the same cause of action ...".

A decree or judgment affecting marital status had a wider significance than solely to "the parties thereto". The State had an interest. There might be others, for example, children.

"Cause of action" was not apt. In the present case the "cause of action" was not the same as that in the Rabbinical Court in Haifa.

The 1933 Act did not apply to the Haifa Judgment of Cerutication. It followed that section 16(1) of the 1973 Act did apply.

The *get* did not dissolve the Melamud marriage. Accordingly the ceremony of marriage with Mr Maples was void and there would be a decree of nullity on that petition.

The marriage with Mr Melamud had broken down irretrievably and as the parties had lived apart for more than five years there would be a decree nisi.

Solicitors: Peter Nash, Guildford; H. C. L. Hanne & Co.

Beyond the seas

Rover International Ltd v Cannon Films Sales Ltd

The Channel Islands were "beyond the seas" in the sense that they were beyond the realm of the Crown in the right of the United Kingdom, being part of the Dukedom of Normandy. That was confirmed by the fact that a subpoena under the Supreme Court Act 1981 would not run to the Channel Islands. However, it was consistent with the purpose of the Civil Evidence Act 1968, which was to get evidence without the presence of a witness, that a statment made in Guernsey was admissible thereunder.

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division on March 12 in an interlocutory judgment delivered during an action relating to contracts for the showing of films made or controlled by the defendant, formerly Thorne EMI plc in Italy in cinemas and on television.

Order to let sex shop open refused

Regina v Westminster City Council, Ex parte Sierbien and Others

Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment March 20]

Where an applicant had been refused a licence by a council to carry on a sex encounter establishment and he was challenging the decision by way of judicial review, it would not be in the public interest for the court to grant the applicant an interlocutory injunction, pending judicial review, to restrain the council from enforcing its decision.

To do so would have the effect of preventing a public body from carrying out its duty and of trespassing on a matter which was in the domain of the criminal law since the operation of a sex encounter establishment without a licence was an offence.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the applicants, Richard Sierbien and four others, from the refusal by Mr Justice Otton on March 11 to grant the applicant an interlocutory injunction.

Mr Andrew Collins, QC, Mr Nigel Peters and Mr Charles Salter for the applicants; Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Michael Supperstone for Westminster City Council.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the appeal concerned sex encounter establishments in Soho. The five applicants appealed against the refusal by the judge of an interlocutory injunction to restrain Westminster City Council from enforcing against them the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1986, pending the hearing of an application for judicial review of the council's decision to refuse each of the applcants licences under Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act.

The provisions for the control by licensing of sex encounter establishments were introduced by the 1986 Act. The 1982 Act as originally drafted defined a sex establishment as a sex cinema or a sex shop. The establishments of the applicants were neither of those and so did not fall within the licensing provisions of that Act.

However, by section 12 of the 1986 Act the definition of "sex establishment" was extended to include sex encounter establishments. The premises operated by the applicants were such establishments.

They applied for leave to move for judicial review to quash the council's decision. Leave was granted. When they were refused licences the applicants had closed down their establishments but on being granted leave to move for judicial review they intimated that they would re-open them and asked the council for forbearance in enforcing its decision pending judicial review. The council agreed to do so for 21 days and the applicants applied for an interlocutory injunction.

The judge refused interlocutory relief. He held, *inter alia*, that when considering the public interest and interlocutory relief of that nature against a public body, he had little doubt that the interests of the general public were better served by refusing the application. He was also chary about exercising his discretion in the applicants' favour when the matter was in the domain of the criminal law.

It was in the domain of the criminal law because it would be a breach of the criminal law for the applicants to re-open their premises after the refusal of licences notwithstanding that their application for judicial review was pending.

The court hearing the application for judicial review was not being asked to direct the grant of licences but merely to direct the quashing of the previous decision with a view to the matter being reheard by the council.

The position where there was a public element and an interlocutory injunction was sought was considered by the court in *Smith v Inner London Education Authority* ([1978] 1 All ER 411) where the decision to close a grammar school was challenged by parents. Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, suggested that the test in *American Cyanamid v Ethicon* ([1975] AC 396) could not really apply to cases against local authorities in public law. Lord Justice Browne agreed and took the view the public aspect of the case was of considerable importance.

His Lordship felt that what was sought was to restrain an act of a public authority in a matter of public law. The public interest was a very important consideration and the ordinary financial considerations in *American Cyanamid*, although relevant, had to be qualified by a recognition of the public interest.

A fortiori, that was so when what was sought was to prevent the parties concerned from doing or continuing something which was a breach of the criminal law.

Mr Collins argued that that consideration carried little weight when it was the act of the council itself which was being impugned, that was to say, the refusal of licences caused the operating of establishments in breach of the criminal law.

His Lordship could not see that it was a relevant consideration at all that it was by the council's owa act in purporting to comply with its public duty that the activity which the applicant wished to do had become a criminal act.

The matter was primarily one for the discretion of the judge. His Lordship had no doubt that he was right to refuse an injunction on the two linked grounds of public interest and the matter being in the domain of the criminal law.

Lord Justice Nicholls agreed.

Solicitors: Cohens Solicitors; Mr G. M. Ives.

Objecting to grant of sex shop licence

Sheptonhurst Ltd v City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

Before Mr Justice Stuart-Smith

[Judgment March 20]

It was a matter of discretion for the individual local authority whether to allow objectors to address a hearing convened to consider an application for the grant of a licence for a sex shop. Furthermore, paragraph 10(15) of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 did not restrict the giving of notice of objection before application, it merely restricted the giving of late notice of objection.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an application for judicial review by the applicant, Sheptonhurst Ltd, against the decision of Wakefield City District Council on August 6, 1985 in refusing to grant Sheptonhurst a licence under Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act to use premises at 71 Doncaster Road, Wakefield as a sex shop.

Mr Nigel Peters for Sheptonhurst; Mr Charles Cross for Wakefield.

MR JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said by a letter dated September 14, 1984, the council, pursuant to paragraph 10(16) of Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act, gave notice in general terms to Sheptonhurst of objections to its application for a licence for a sex shop.

By a letter dated July 4, 1985, in accordance with paragraph 10(19) of Schedule 3, Sheptonhurst were afforded a hearing before the sub-committee which took place on July 31, 1985.

Sheptonhurst were there represented by Mr Clive Sullivan, a management consultant. Prior to the outset of the meeting he objected to the intention to allow objectors to speak. Nevertheless, the sub-committee heard the objectors.

Three objectors spoke at the hearing and Mr Sullivan was invited to seek clarification from each of them, which he declined to do.

By a letter dated August 6, 1985 the council refused Sheptonhurst a licence.

The grounds for the application for judicial review were that the subcommittee erred in allowing objectors to address them at the oral hearing and in particular that they heard objections which went beyond the grounds for which notice had been given in the 28-day period provided for by paragraph 10(15); furthermore, that the subcommittee failed fully to comply with paragraph 10(16) of Schedule 3 and finally that they failed to act judicially.

His Lordship said there was clear authority to show that it was a matter of discretion for the local authority whether to allow objectors to address them.

So far as paragraph 10(15) was concerned, although the local authority were obliged to consider objections made not later than 28 days, they had a discretion whether or not to take into account objections made later. If Mr Sullivan was unable to deal with those objections he should have sought an adjournment.

The letter of September 14, 1984 satisfied the requirements of paragraph 10(16). The final ground which was an amalgam of the other grounds also failed.

Solicitors: Kaye, Tesler & Co, South Tottenham; Mr J. W. F. Holt, Wakefield.

Minister can consider future legislation

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Birmingham City Council

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice McNeill

[Judgment February 20]

The Secretary of State for the Environment was not in breach of his statutory duty under section 60 of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980 by refusing to make a rate support grant report for 1987/8 prior to a Bill being passed by Parliament which would alter the effect of the term "rate fund" in section 148 of the Local Government Act 1972 and thus validate previous practice and enable it to continue.

Further, there was no implied duty on the secretary of state to lay the report in time to enable councils to take it into account in preparing their budgets.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held on in dismissing an application by Birmingham City Council for judicial review of the secretary of state's decision to postpone making a report.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC and Mr John Howell for the council; Mr Christopher Clarke, QC and Miss Presiley Baxendale for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said the argument that the Act required the secretary of state to make a report regardless of the fact that doing so would involve a great deal of time and trouble, all of which would be wasted when the new Bill became law, was totally unacceptable.

In the absence of an express provision he could see no justification for the court to imply a statutory obligation.

His Lordship could not accept that the proposed new Bill was an irrelevant consideration in the exercise of the secretary of state's discretion. That proposition seemed to his Lordship to be contrary to common sense.

It was no answer to a person's right in private law that there was a Bill before Parliament under which, if passed, he would lose that right. The court could not anticipate prospective legislation. But it was one thing for the court to disregard prospective legislation; it was quite another for the secretary of state to have to disregard it.

The court had to enforce the law as it stood. It had no choice. But the secretary of state had a choice. He had to decide what to do. To say he had to disregard the possibility of seeking a change in the law was absurd.

Mr Justice McNeill delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mr George W. T. Pitt, Birmingham; Treasury Solicitor.

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A guide to career choice

Small details which can open the door to a career

Young people should not be diffident about applications or in seeking experience in unrelated areas. You may be surprised at where humble details on a CV can take you, says Roger Jones



"The trouble is I haven't actually done anything." The speaker was a young man in his early twenties who feared that academic qualifications alone would cut very little ice with prospective employers, given his scanty experience of the world at work.

I was somewhat puzzled by this outburst and put it all down to his lack of self-confidence. After all, if you're in your early twenties and have a good education behind you you are quite an attractive proposition to employers.

In the eyes of many firms young people are more adaptable, quicker off the mark, fitter, keener and more ambitious than a person who is well into his career. What is more important is that the world is your proverbial oyster. On the threshold of your career there is a remarkably wide range of options for you to consider. Later on doors start to close.

Wide range of options in new career

His lack of optimism is clearly a sign of the uncertain times we live in. And it may well have been influenced by the unsuccessful outcome to a recent job application of his. However, as we talked things over it quickly became clear that he was selling himself short. He had, in fact, done quite a few jobs in his spare time – and certainly more than enough to make up a respectable cv.

Admittedly, helping out in the local garage in your vacation or having a Saturday job at the library may not be thought worthy of mention if you are angling for a job with a merchant bank or a leading research institute. But you should nevertheless put it down on your cv. In the early stages of your career it is a case of "every little helps".

Not that your knowledge of the Dewey decimal classification system will necessarily land you the job of your dreams. With youthful candidates employers are much more interested in potential than experience. But that is not to say that experience doesn't count at all.

Familiarity with the world of work is, in fact, a definite plus – no matter how humdrum the jobs you have held. Not only do you learn about work routines and acquire skills – no matter how rudimentary – but you also learn what it is like to work at the shop floor level, an experience that will enable you to understand your workforce more adequately when you find yourself in an executive post.

There are other advantages in being young. For one thing you are likely to have few, if any, ties – which means you can be more mobile and more adventurous. With no growing family to support, for instance, you can dash off to the other side of the globe on some lucrative contract without any pangs of conscience. Later on family responsibilities will loom much larger and you may have to think twice about career moves.

The "overseas option" is one that all young job-seekers should consider seriously, particularly if they are having problems in finding a job in the UK. Working abroad can be quite an education. Not only does it afford you the opportunity to acquire varied experience, but it is possible that you will be entrusted with more responsibility than your peers who elected to stay at home.

I realize that there are some people who fear that they will miss out if they leave these islands for a few years. Doors to certain careers tend to shut at an impossibly early age, and it is just as well to be aware of this fact. Yet career patterns are changing and it seems that people are less likely to stay with one organization all their lives making their way up the promotion ladder in the manner of the Ruler of the Queen's Navy in *HMS Pinafore*.

Just as we are seeing the globalization of securities markets, so we are experiencing the internationalization of the world of work. If you work for a multinational you cannot reckon on living in the suburbs of Edinburgh for the whole of your working life, and a professional with a cosmopolitan outlook will, I suspect, have a much brighter future in the long term than someone with a "stay-at-home" mentality.

Even if you are not enticed to a distant clime, there is no reason why you should not move jobs from time to time. A relation of mine was puzzled – even scandalized – by the advice that his son, a trainee accountant, had been given by his supervisor. The lad was, in fact, urged to look for another job.

It was not that he had disgraced himself. He was not found to be incompetent or guilty of embezzlement, and his father – who had been brought up in the tradition of "a job for life" – could only assume that someone had taken a dislike to him. On further investigation it turned out that the advice was well meant. In order to become a first-class accountant the son needed to extend his range of experience, and this he could only manage if he moved on.

Throwing up one job in order to move to another may sound anathema to some people. Indeed, given the high unemployment rates in certain parts of the country the tendency is that if you manage to land a job, you cling on to it for dear life. Job security is more important to people these days than job satisfaction.

Mistake for the young to stay in a rut

This is a sad state of affairs. Young people, I believe, should not stay in one place too long. Your early working years should be a time for experiment, when you find out whether you are cut out for a particular career and explore other options if things do not work out as anticipated.

If you find yourself on the wrong ladder early on in your career, there is little difficulty in moving to one of the bottom rungs of another ladder. I know people who have moved from banking to the computer services industry, from insurance to the civil service, from pharmaceuticals to social welfare with the minimum of difficulty. Later on in life change may not be achieved so easily.

As John Gay puts it, "Youth's the season made for joys". To be on the threshold of your career has many advantages and the last thing you should do is apologise for your youth and comparative lack of experience.

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Applications (14 copies), including a curriculum vitae and the names and addreses of three referees, should reach the Registrar (C/178/T) University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ, from whom further particulars may be obtained by 16th April 1987.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, CARDIFF

In anticipation of Dr. L.A. Moritz's retirement on reaching the age limit, appplications are invited for the post of

REGISTRAR

The person appointed will be chief administrative officer, with unitary authority under the Principal over the entire College Administration.

Applications, marked 'Private and Confidential', should be addressed to the Acting Principal, University College, PO Box 78, Cardiff CF1 1XL, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Closing date: 30 April 1987. Ref. 3206.

UNIVERSITY OF KENT AT CANTERBURY

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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In addition to a good honours degree in a discipline related to public sector management, a higher degree *and/or a professional qualification would be an* advantage as would an ability or willingness to work with computerised data bases.

Salary on the scale £8185 - £12605 but the initial salary on this scale will not be higher than £9865.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from J E Reilly, Secretary of Faculties and Deputy Registrar, The Registry, The University, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ. The closing date for application is Friday, 10th April 1987. Please quote reference A87/42

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

Personal Assistant to the Director of Finance

Applications are invited, preferably from graduates with suitable professional qualifications and experience, for the new post of Personal Assistant to the Director of Finance, to assist him in financial aspects of university planning and budgeting including computer based projections.

Initial salary on a scale to £14,825 or on a scale to £18,210 per annum according to age, qualifications and experience.

Applications, together with the names of three referees, should be received not later than 23rd April, 1987, by The Registrar, The University, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3BX, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

Quote ref. RV/389/T.

CHAIR IN PRE-CLINICAL VETERINARY STUDIES

Applications are invited for a Chair in Pre-Clinical Veterinary Studies. The University is seeking a person with an established reputation in the pre-clinical sciences who will be responsible for the promotion of research and the co-ordination of teaching in the pre-clinical departments of the veterinary school. A veterinary qualification is therefore desirable but is not essential.

Suitably qualified candidates are invited to submit applications, including the names of three referees, not later than 15th May, 1987.

Further particulars of the appointment may be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary of the University of Bristol, Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH.

University of London

CHAIR OF GENERAL LINGUISTICS AT THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES

The senate invite applications for the above Chair. Candidates should have major research experience *in linguistics and in the field of Oriental or African* languages. The person appointed will be a member of the Department of Phonetics and Linguistics and, in addition to teaching duties within the Department, will be expected to play an active role in developing the School's unique reasearch potential in linguistics in co-operation with specialists in the languages of Asia and Africa. The appointment will date from 1 October 1987.

Applications (10 copies) should be submitted ot the Teachers' Section (T), University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU, from whom further particulars should first by obtained.

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Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Developmental Biology in the Department of Biological Sciences, from persons with good qualifications and an interest in studying animal development using molecular and/or genetic techniques. In addition to assisting in undergraduate teaching, the successful candidate will be expected to develop a *programme of research which complements an* existing group of developmental biologists, in the Animal Molecular Genetics Research Group, working on the genetic control of animal development.

Excellent facilities for research in this area already exist. Further information may be obtained from Professor H R Woodland (Tel. 0203 523536).

Salary will be within the first eight points on *the present Lecturer scale £8020 - 15,700 p.a.* (under review), according to age, qualifications and experience.

Further particulars and application forms from the Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventy, CV4 7AL (0203 523627) quoting Ref. No. 35/3A/86/J (please mark clearly on envelope). Closing date 30th April 1987.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Department OF Civil Engineering
Lecturer in Civil Engineering

Applications for the above post are invited *from candidates with experience in* STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING. The successful candidate will be required to taech on undergraduate B.Eng. and M.Eng. Courses, and also at post graduate level. *The post envisages a person able to* integrate appropriate theoretical concepts with design realities, through design classes, and the excellent laboratory, computing and CAD facilities available. The *appointee will be expected to initiate* industrial related research and expand the department's traditionally strong links with industry.

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The salary for appointment commencing 1 *September 1987, will be on the lecturer* scale £8,735 - 18,210, the starting salary depending on age, qualifications experience.

Further details and form of application returnable not later than 30 April may be obtained from the Staff Appointments Officer, University Of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, quoting ref 1097.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Department of Spanish and Portuguese

COWDRAY CHAIR OF SPANISH

Applications are invited for the Cowdray Chair of Spanish in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, which is to be filled following the retirement of Professor G.A. Davies on 30 *September 1986 and the appointment from 1* April 1987 of the current Head of Department, Dr. C.A. Longhurst, to the Chair of Spanish at the University of Exeter.

The successful applicant may be a specialist in *any field of Hispanic scholarship but an interest* in recent developments in linguistics and language teaching in Spanish and an awarenss of contemporary developments in Spanish and Latin-American countries would be welcomed. The salary will be not less than the minimum of the professorial range (£22,050).

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Leeds, LS2 9JT, quoting reference 18/Z. Applications (two copies) giving details of age, qualifications and experience and naming three referees should reach the Registrar no later than 15 May 1987.

Applicants from overseas may apply in the first instance by cable, naming three referees, preferably in the United Kingdom.

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Application forms and further details are available from *the Personnel Officer. The closing date for applications* is 23rd April 1987.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Applications are invited for *a one-year* TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN POLITICS tenable from 1st *September* 1987. Preference will be given to candidates with an interest in the *politics of the* developing world. Salary within the range £8,735 to £11,460.

Further particulars should be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary, *University of Bristol*, Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH, to whom applications should be *sent by* 1st May 1987. Please quote reference JC.

NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

The college invites applications for the post if Assistant Librarian. Candidates (who may be *either men or women) should be graduates* and have appropriate library qualifications and experience. The Assistant Librarian will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Library under the direction of the Librarian.
The salary scale is at present within the range *£8020 to £10,685 but is under revision.*
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UNIVERSITY LECTURER OR UNIVERSITY ASSISTANT LECTURER

in the Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge. University Lecturer or University Assistant Lecturer in Later European Prehistory (including *Bronze Age) and / or Enviromental* Archaeology.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The University of Sheffield
DEPARTMENT OF CONTROL ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

LECTURESHIPS

As part of continuing expansion through the Engineering and Technology Programme, applications are invited for five new posts of Lecturer in the Department of Control Engineering and the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, available from August 1987.

The University has obtained support within the Engineering and Technology Programme to enable the admission of an additional 60 students per annum on the following courses:

B.Eng. Electronic Engineering (Information and Systems)
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These courses are taught Jointly by the Department of Control Engineering and the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering. Substantial funds have been made available for staffing and equipment; in addition, work will begin shortly on a new building to house activities associated with the Engineering and Technology Programme.

New appointments are sought in the following broad areas:

Department of Control Engineering

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- Knowledge Based Systems
- System Identification

Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering

- Digital electronics, including real time signal processing, systolic arrays and industrial electronic applications.
- Communications systems, including networking, direct broadcasting by satellite, optical fibre systems
- VLSI system design, including custom arrays and CAD tools

Excellent opportunities exist for research initiatives in each of these areas and new staff will be given every encouragement to develop their own areas of interest. Both the Department of Control Engineering and the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering have an excellent reputation for their research activities.

Initial appointments will be made on the salary scale either for non-clinical lecturers Grade A (£8,735 - £13,575 per year) or non-clinical lecturers Grade B (£14,245 - £18,210 per year) according to age, qualifications and experience.

Further particulars from Personnel Department (Academic Staffing), The University, Sheffield S10 2TN to which applications (6 copies) should be submitted by Friday 24 April 1987. Please quote reference R.581.

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Appointment of Vice-Chancellor

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Persons interested in being considered for the post, or wishing to suggest any names for consideration, are invited to write in confidence to R. J. Godfrey, Esq., LLB, the Chairman of the Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate established to recommend an appointment. *Letters should be addressed to* **R. J. Godfrey, Esq., LLB, President of the Council, care of the Registrar, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD,** and marked confidential.

Further particulars of the appointment may be obtained from the President of the Council at the above address.

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

MEDICAL SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
Chair of Geriatric Medicine

Applications are invited for a new Chair of Geriatric Medicine within the University Department of Medicine.

The salary will be within the clinical professorial range, with superannuation benefits.

Further particulars from the **Head of Administration (Appointments), University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH,** with whom applications should be lodged by 14 May 1987. Candidiates in the U.K. should submit seventeen copies of their application. (Overseas candidiates may submit one copy.)

UNIVERSITY OF READING

Department of Law

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in the Department of Law from 1 October 1987. Candidates should have an interest in central common law subjects (contract, tort, criminal law). Specialism in EEC law, family law or revenue law would be an advantage. Initial salary on the scale £8735 to £13675 p.a. plus USS/USDPS benefits. Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) are available from the Personnel Officer, University of Reading, Whiteknights, P.O. Box 217, Reading, RG6 2AH. Telephone (0734) 875123 ext. 220. Please quote Ref. AC. 8707. Closing date 27 April 1987.

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COMPANY NOTICES

THE LEPROSY MISSION

The Annual General Meeting of Members of The Leprosy Mission (International) will be held at Bloomsbury Baptist Friendship Centre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 on Tuesday 5th May 1987 at 4.45pm, to receive the Annual Report and audited abstracts of Accounts of the year ended 31st December 1986, to elect office-bearers and appoint a Council, and to transact any other business as circumstances require.

The Leprosy Mission England and Wales will hold its Twentieth Annual Meeting on Tuesday 5th May 1987 at 4.00pm at Bloomsbury Baptist Friendship Centre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 for the presentation of the Annual Report, and the election of Council for the ensuing year.

A short act of worship will follow at 5.30pm when the speakers will be Dr Lydie and Mrs Elizabeth Hogerzeil. Dr Hogerzeil is Director of the Mission for South-East Asia.

THE LEPROSY MISSION
50 Portland Place
London W1N 3DG

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF LYNSIM FASHIONS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 7th day of May 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Goodman, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co, of 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 20th day of March 1987

K.D.GOODMAN LIQUIDATOR

IN THE MATTER OF LYNSIM FASHIONS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA a Licenced Insolvency Practitioner of Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above company by the Members and Creditors on 20th March 1987.

DATED the 20th day of March 1987

KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA
Leonard Curtis & Co
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF CHRIT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of April 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Brian Reginald Anthony Callaghan of 21 Whitefriars Street, London EC4Y 8AL the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 16th day of March 1987

B.R.A. CALLAGHAN LIQUIDATOR

NB. This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been or will be paid in full.

IN THE MATTER OF PANSTRIDGE LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of April 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Brian Reginald Anthony Callaghan of 21 Whitefriars Street, London EC4Y 8AL the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 16th day of March 1987

B.R.A. CALLAGHAN LIQUIDATOR

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 23rd March 1987 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £4,369,000 to £3,194,280 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the Capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 27th March 1987.

Eversheds & Tomkinson
2/5 Warwick Court
London WC1R 5DJ
Tel: 01 405 4551
Fax: 01 404 4166
Ref: PM.19

Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE MATTER OF R.T. BAKER & SON LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of April 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Brian Reginald Anthony Callaghan of 21 Whitefriars Street, London EC4Y 8AL the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 16th day of March 1987

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Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE MATTER OF RE A&G PROPERTIES LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Barbican City Hotel, Central Street, London EC1, on Tuesday the 7th April 1987 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection at 23 Green Lanes, Ilford, Essex from the 31st March 1987.

DATED this 20th day of March 1987

M.A. KHAN DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 In the matter of Grant & Glass Management Limited. Nature of Business: Optical Suppliers. Administration Order made 16 March 1987.

G.W. BOON Administrator

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 In the matter of GTG Optics Limited. Nature of Business: Optical Suppliers. Administration Order made 16 March 1987.

G.W. BOON Administrator

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 BALROR LIMITED (In members' voluntary liquidation) PREVIOUS NAME OF COMPANY - Dyehen International (UK) Limited

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency rules 1986 that Ian Quinney Taylor of South Dove, Greenwood House, 96-98 St. James Road, Northampton NN5 5LG was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Members on 27th February 1987.

This notice is purely formal and all known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

DATED 27th February 1987

I.Q. TAYLOR Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 In the matter of Grant & Glass Optikard (Central) Limited. Nature of Business: Optical Suppliers. Administration Order made 16 March 1987.

G.W. BOON Administrator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 In the matter of GTG Optics Limited. Nature of Business: Optical Suppliers. Administration Order made 16 March 1987.

G.W. BOON Administrator

THE MATTER OF THE COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS IN LAMBETH (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE INVOLVENCY ACT CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY WINDING UP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 11.00am on 6 April 1987 at The Waldorf Hotel, The Aldwych, Strand, London WC2 for the purposes provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected at 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00pm on 2 April 1987 and 3 April 1987. For the purposes of voting any proxy intended to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the Secretary of the Company, P.O. Box 88, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT not later than 12.00 noon on 3 April 1987.

DATED this 19th day of March 1987

M.C. SCOTT

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No. 00149 of 1987 CHANCERY DIVISION Mr. Justice Vinelott Monday the 23rd day of March 1987

IN THE MATTER OF ROSUNMARK LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 23rd March 1987 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £4,369,000 to £3,194,280 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the Capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 27th March 1987.

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Tel: 01 405 4551
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Ref: PM.19

Solicitors for the above named Company

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BRITISH RAILWAYS BOARD hereby give advance notice, in pursuance of Section 54 of the Transport Act, 1962, that they plan to withdraw freight facilities from the following stations in the month of May, 1987:-

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FREIGHT DEPOT
INVERGORDON FREIGHT DEPOT

Particulars of the date on which the facilities will be withdrawn and of the alternative facilities will be announced locally.

24 Eversholt Street
London NW1 1DZ

THE NATURAL MEDICINES SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the first Annual General Meeting of the Natural Medicines Society will take place on Saturday 11th April 1987 at 2.00pm at the Hall of India, Royal Overseas League, Overseas House, Park Place, St.James', London. Members who be notified individually by the Secretary of the details, agenda and background papers in accordance with the Society's articles of association.

T. Huggon
Browne Jacobson & Rose
44 Friar Lane
Nottingham NG1 6EA

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RUGBY UNION: WEST COUNTRY MONOPOLY SET TO CONTINUE IN THE JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP WHILE WELSH HOLDERS CARDIFF MOVE INTO SEVENTH FINAL

Clinical Bath complete dissection of Orrell to maintain their run

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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It may not be the stage or the backdrop that either envisaged, but Stuart Barnes and Rob Andrew will have the head-to-head encounter that Barnes appears to have sought when Bath meet Wasps in the John Player Special Cup final at Twickenham on May 2 - a repetition of last season's final when Bath won the cup for the third successive year.

Barnes withdrew earlier this month from the England squad, frustrated at playing second fiddle at stand-off half to Andrew. Bath made sure, at Edge Hall Road on Saturday, that he has another chance to make his point with a semi-final dissection of Orrell that was so effective as to force the Lancashire club into questioning their viability in top division rugby next season.

The loss of Peter Williams, England's stand-off next Saturday against Scotland, with an ankle injury at half-time, was almost superfluous. Within 12 minutes Bath had served notice of how they would win, and they did so by two goals, four tries and a penalty goal to a try and a penalty. Most of the match was played on one touchline, making handling hazardous, so Bath kept it devastatingly direct. The Orrell scrum was destroyed, they won only one lineout in the first half when Bath had the wind, and Bath's back row completed the devastation.

A brave defence missed few tackles but could do nothing about the disintegration of the core of the side. Only once was the Orrell midfield unlocked; that they were only 17-0 down at half-time was a tribute to their tenacity and to a string of technical penalties against Bath, some of which could have gone the other way.

After Barnes had opened with a penalty, three first-half tries came from rampaging forward drives, the back row standing off and linking with their scrum half. It was a record 19th successive cup win and a fourth consecutive final appearance; Leicester have also played in four consecutive finals but they lost the first. Bath's monopoly looks likely to be sustained.

SCORERS: Orrell - try, Heath; penalty, Ainscough. Bath - tries, Hall (2), Egerton (2), Hill, Robinson; conversions, Barnes (2); penalty, Barnes.
ORRELL: S Taberner; P Heath, JA Carlson, F Clough, G Ainscough; P Williams (rep, G Glynn), G Williams; K Fletcher, N Hitchen, J Webster, D Cleary (captain), R Kimmins, D Cusani, P Buckton, B Lundy.
BATH: C Martin; A Swift, J Palmer, S Halliday, B Trewartha; S Barnes, R Hill (captain); D Bole, G Dawe, G Chilcott, J Hall, J Morrison, N Redman, A Robinson, D Egerton.
Referee: C High (Manchester).



No dodging this: Lozowski, of Wasps, successfully tackles the semi-final problem posed by Dodge and Leicester

Cooper's display a delight

By a Correspondent

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The New Zealand Barbarians made such exhilarating use of second phase possession at Redruth that John Buchan's sending off was hardly a concern. The Canterbury hooker improdently raked a prostrate Cornishman before Laurie Prideaux, the referee.

Bunn took over at hooker, only to find himself immediately shunted backwards as Cornwall drove for a push-over try. This was undoubtedly Cornwall's giddy peak, though Bowden, the right wing, was twice caught from behind and once Mason was held up on the line.

The rest was pure entertainment, springing from New Zealand second phase possession, with Cooper accumulating 31 points (three tries, three penalty goals, five conversions) and Halligan, four tries, particularly outstanding.

CORNWALL: R Henderson (Penzance-Newlyn); J Bowden (Camborne), G Champion (Devon and Cornwall Police, captain), S Rogers, D Weeks; N Pellow, R Mankee (all Camborne); J May (Redruth), R Treglown (Redruth), S Lord (Camborne), M Rasa (St Ives), A Cook (Devon and Cornwall Police). Lighfoot (Falmouth), D Mason (Launceston), G Williams (St Ives).
NEW ZEALAND BARBARIANS: G Cooper; C Green, J Stanley, B McCahill, D Halligan; S Bauchop, S Deans; B McGrattan, J Buchan, W Bunn, G Whetton (captain), M Weedon, A Whetton, M Jones. D Williams.
Referee: L Prideaux (Cornwall Society).

Wasps swarm to final place

By Bryan Stiles

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As he watched two of the contenders for the England stand-off half position make heavy weather of things in this John Player Cup semi-final, Mike Weston, the chairman of England's selectors, must have been relieved that he had chosen Peter Williams, of Orrell, to face Scotland next Saturday. His relief did not last.

Cusworth's tactical kicking for Leicester was fine in the first half with a strong wind at his back and his forwards capturing the lion's share of the lineout ball. His opposite number, Andrew, provided a sound link when his pack took control after the interval but neither revealed the kind of imagination England needs so desperately.

It came as something of a blow to Weston when I helped relay the message to him that Williams had been carried off injured in the other semi-final against Bath. He must have been looking for Cusworth or Andrew to produce something extra in case one of them is needed next Saturday. If so, he would have been disappointed.

Andrew did at least help Wasps to victory by one goal, one try and one penalty to two penalties which put Wasps through to a second successive meeting with Bath in the final.

Leicester, with the strong wind behind them before the interval, remained encamped in their opponents' half. Well served in the lineout by Richards and Foulkes-Arnold, they were driven forward by Cusworth's kicking. All they had to show for their efforts by half-time were two Hare penalties.

Wasps were a transformed team in the second half and swarmed all over Leicester. They had worked out Leicester's lineout tactics and began supplying their own backs with a monopoly of the ball.

The result was inevitable. Bailey collected a chip ahead by Simms to score a try in one corner and Pellow profited from a good run by Rigby to score in the other. Andrew added a conversion and penalty.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Bailey, Pellow. Conversion: Andrew. Penalty: Andrew. Leicester: Penalties: Hare (2).
WASPS: H Davies; R Pellow, K Simms, R Lozowski, M Bailey; R Andrew, S Bates; P Randall, A Simmons, J Probyn, M Rigby, C Primegar, J Bonner, D Pegler, M Rose.
LEICESTER: W Hare; B Evans, P Dodge, P Buttimore, C Baxter, L Cusworth, S Kenny; S Redfern, C Tressler, W Richardson, J Wells, N Jackson, M Foulkes-Arnold, R Tebbutt.
Referee: R C Quittenton (Sussex).

Competent performance by Swansea

By Gordon Allan

Swansea	20
Newbridge	3

Competence is possibly interesting to watch but not fun. That sums up Swansea's win over Newbridge in their Schweppes Welsh Cup semi-final at Cardiff on Saturday. Swansea scored two tries, three penalty goals and a dropped goal to a penalty and reached the final for the fifth time.

Both tries were short range efforts in the last 20 minutes, one by Moriarty from a scrum, the other by Maurice Colclough from a lineout in the corner. In a sense those facts give the game away, for most of the play was confined to the forwards, with the outside backs only there to make up the numbers and to tackle. Until late in the second half little attempt was made by either team to use the full width of the pitch.

Swansea, with sun and winds behind them in the first half, spent so much time rolling forward that they should have been more than 9-3 up at the interval.

Wyatt kicked three penalties and also dropped a goal when Bow missed touch from behind his own line. Dacey and Maurice Colclough combined to help Moriarty score. Colclough's try was fair reward for a masterful performance.

SCORERS: Swansea: Tries: Moriarty, M Colclough. Penalties: Wyatt (3). Dropped Goal: Wyatt. Newbridge: Penalty: Bow.
SWANSEA: M Wyatt; M Titley, S Parfitt, M Dacey, A Emyr; A Clement, R Jones; K Colclough, P Hopkins, C Jones, P Moriarty, J Williams, M Colclough, M Davies, J Thomas.
NEWBRIDGE: W Bow; S Hall, S Crandon, D Hussey, C Phillips, P Williams, L Davies; J Ransome (Rep: N Foote), K Gregory, M Stephenson, N James, R Smith, A Sutton, S Griffiths, H Taylor.
Referee: C Norling (WRU).

Cardiff reap handsome rewards

By Gerald Davies

Cardiff	16
Neath	6

Cardiff, having lived on the nervous edges of their previous two cup rounds and survived, were in no mood to live so dangerously this time.

Knowing full well where their strengths were and where Neath's weakness lay — with three of their key players missing at forward — Cardiff used their power in the pack to dominate. In winning by a try, three penalties and a drop goal to three penalties, they make their sixth appearance in the final in seven years.

They homed in on the scrum where Neath were without Stuart Evans at prop. They reaped handsome rewards in the lineout where Neath sorely missed Clegg. And John kicked the goals for Cardiff whereas Neath, without Thorburn, did not.

The standard of play was below par, affected as it was by the strong wind, although rising above these conditions was John Scott. He was a master at the base of the scrum and, while Norster covered the middle of the line-out, he ruled it at the back. He was a dominating influence abetted by the tireless Roberts beside him.

Neath in contrast were subdued and looking much the worse for wear. There was little sign of Pugh and the Jones boys in the back row and Davies, at stand-off, had to give way to his more prominent opposite number. Instead of keeping the ball in play and on the loose, they continued to nurse the touchline when it was evident that it was a lost cause in the set pieces. They played into Cardiff's hands, who simply twisted the screws tighter. Laity had missed with the simplest of penalties before John made no mistake with his. He then dropped a goal after Scott had won the line-out.

With neither side looking like scoring a try the exchanging of penalties continued. Laity and Davies kicked one each for Neath; interspersed were a couple of penalties from John. The Cardiff stand-off hit the woodwork twice before the game was finally put beyond Neath when, after a good threequarter movement, Hadley finished off with a try.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Try: A Hadley. Penalties: G John (3). Drop Goal: G John. Penalties: C Laity (2), J Davies.
CARDIFF: M Rayer; G Cordle, M Ring, A Donovan, A Hadley, G John, C Hutchings, J Wheatley, A Phillips Capt S Blackmore, R Lewis, H Stone. R Norster G Roberts, J Scott
NEATH: S Powell, E Rees, C Laity, R Griffiths, G Davies; J Davies, Capt. C Gnojek; D Joseph, M Richards, J Pugh; P Pugh (Replacement: P Jackson), H Richards, R Crowley, L Jones; M Jones.
Referee: Mr W D Bevan (Clydach).

WEEKEND RESULTS

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP
Semi-finals

Orrell	7	Bath	31
Wasps	13	Leicester	6

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP
Semi-finals

Cardiff	16	Neath	6
Newbridge	3	Swansea	20

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London Scottish	6						
Nottingham	9						
Bath	7	6	0	1	178	65	85.71
Leicester	10	7	1	2	153	103	75.00
Nottingham	8	4	1	1	85	43	75.00
Moseley	10	6	1	3	107	133	65.00
Gloucester	8	4	0	4	106	95	50.00
Sale	7	3	0	4	82	136	42.85
Harlequins	5	2	0	3	56	66	40.00
Bristol	8	3	0	5	126	116	37.50
Wasps	6	2	0	4	109	94	33.33
Orrell	6	2	0	4	91	129	33.33
Coventry	10	3	0	7	129	165	30.00
Lon. Scot	7	1	1	5	84	113	21.42

MERIT TABLE B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackheath	6						
Waterloo	9						
Waterloo	9	9	0	0	189	83	100
Richmond	10	7	0	3	165	189	70.00
Lon. Welsh	8	5	0	3	113	105	62.50
L'pool St H	8	5	0	3	128	124	62.50
Headingley	5	3	0	2	92	44	60.00
N'thampton	7	4	0	3	131	81	57.14
Saracens	9	5	0	4	149	119	55.56
Bedford	10	4	0	6	113	119	40.00
Rosslyn Pk	11	4	0	7	136	186	36.36
Gosforth	7	2	0	5	91	95	28.57
Blackheath	7	1	0	6	52	152	14.28
Lon. Irish	9	1	0	8	67	150	11.11

INTER-SERVICES TOURNAMENT

RAF	6	Royal Navy	13

TOUR MATCH

Cornwall	9	NZ Barbarians	63

COLTS INTERNATIONAL

France	18	England	7

CLUB MATCHES

Abertillery	24	Aberavon	17
Birkenhead Park	12	Nuneaton	9
Birmingham	3	Cheltenham	6
Bridgend	27	Maesteg	15
Exeter	3	Plymouth	16
Pylde	35	Middlesbrough	19
Glamorgan W	15	London Welsh	13
Gosforth	41	Otley	6
Met Police	6	S Wales Police	41
New Brighton	4	Headingley	22
Newport	59	Richmond	9
Penarth	10	Pontypool	25
Pontypridd	22	London Irish	16
Rosslyn Park	6	Bristol	18
Roundhay	3	W Hartlepool	19
Rugby	19	Preston Grasps	10
Saracens	7	Gloucester	19
Vale of Lune	23	Sheffield	9
Wakefield	18	Lpool St H	15

Cancelled: Tredegar v Cross Keys.

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division

Edinburgh A	15	Boroughmuir	12
Hawick	20	Watsonians	12
Kelso	13	Heriot's FP	9
Melrose	19	Jedforest	15
Selkirk	6	Glasgow Acads	22
Stewart's Mel FP	4	Gala	32
West of Scotland	21	Ayr	7

TANDEM COMPUTERS SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Upper Clapton 3, Askeans 10.

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Basingstoke 17, Maidenhead 22; Henley 0, Havant 14.

BANKS AND SILVERS MERIT TABLE: Evesham 11, Kenilworth 9.

GLYNWED ENGINEERING MERIT TABLE: Bedford Athletic 0, Bletchley 12; Vipers 26, Northamptonians 9.

MERCIA MERIT TABLE: Dudley Kingswinford 0, Lichfield 21; Newbold 3, Stafford 12; Stoke 12, Derby 18.

MIDSHIRES MERIT TABLE: Old Halesonians 9, Handsworth 9.

WYVERN MERIT TABLE: Woodrush 13, Selly Oak 8.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Aston OE 19, Redditch 0; Barker's Butts 15, Ealing 12; Birmingham Welsh 7, Vasseyans 25; Bridgnorth D, Luzonians 4; Bromsgrove 7, Swindon 13; Burton 6, Wrekinian 27; Dixonians 23, Loughborough 3; Edwardians 3, Walsall 46; Five Ways 10, Old Centrals 17; Leamington 23, Leighton Buzzard 21; Letchworth 34, Kettering 4; Luton 3, Wigston 10; Lutterworth 4, Coalville 39; Melksh 23, South Leicester 0; Melton 13, Old Newtonians 3; Oadby Wyggestonians 6, Spalding 3; Old Bosworthians 19, GEC Coventry 4; Old Centrals 17, Five Ways 10; Old Covenantans 0, Nuneaton OE 35; Old Laurentians 15, Kibworth 14; Old Longtonians 12, Stoke Old Boys 28; Old Modernians 3, Bournville 8; Old Saltleians 9, Trinity Guild 17; Old Yardleians 14, Old Wheatleyans 11; Peterborough 18, Aylesbury 8; Silhillians 12, King's Norton 6; Solihull 11; Paviors 3; Spartans 27, Warley 12; Stamford 33, Market Rasen 0; Stoneygate 33, Boston 3; Stourbridge 56, Worcester 6; Sutton Coldfield 21, Westleigh 17; Telford 7, Kidderminster 9; Warwick 22, Old Warwickians 4; Willenhall 27, Tamham 13.

GIROBANK NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Mid Cheshire College 10, Wigan 34; West Park 13, Davenport 13. Second division: Cancelled: Carlisle v Heaton Moor.

NORTH: Club matches: Bradford Salem 6, West Leeds 9; Bridlington 0, Goole 9; Castleford 6, Newark 8; Cleckheaton 6, Baildon 13; Grimsby 6, Hemsworth 32; Hessle 9, York RI 19; Ilkley 7, Acklam 18; Ionians 10, Selby 27; Kendal 22, Harrogate 20; Knottingley 17, Old Odsonians 19; Leigh 18, Sandal 17; Lymm 18, Rochdale 10; Macclesfield 10, Blackburn 12; Malton and Norton 0, Wath-on-Dearne 9; Manist 27, Huddersfield YMCA 9; Moortown 35, North Riddlesdale 3; Old Brodleians 0, Bramley 15; Pontefract 12, Barnsley 19; Rodillians 27, Old Rishworthians 0; Rotherham 20, East Retford 11; Sandbach 18, Sedgley Park 3; Scunthorpe 37, Kesteven 6; Sheffield Tigers 23, Yarnbury 4; Thornensians 19, Driffield 8; West Park Bramhope 23, Old Crossleyans 10; Widnes 27, Chester 0; Wilmslow 6, Winnington Park 54; Wirral 25, Caldy 10; York 13, Old Hymerians 19. Cancelled: Manchester v Bradford and Bingley.

BASS MERIT TABLE: Clifton 30, St Ives 7.

DEVON MERIT TABLE: Paignton 9, Bideford 23; Teignmouth 3, Okehampton 12.

WEST: Club matches: Camborne 13, Weston-super-Mare 22, Crediton 12, Barnstaple 12; Launceston 15, Brixham 12; Saltash 11, Bournemouth 6; Torquay 22, Esher 6.

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RACING: DUAL GRAND NATIONAL RUNNER-UP REMAINS AINTREE POSSIBLE AFTER ENCOURAGING LEOPARDSTOWN RUN

Talented On Tap can make successful start to second season

By Mandarin

An accusation often levelled at the infant Flat season is that it goes into a temporary trough after Doncaster's opening meeting. However, that criticism would appear to be wide of the mark, certainly on the evidence of today's racing, as Leicester stages a highly-attractive contest for the Burton Overy Stakes.

Each of the seven runners can be given a chance but I am particularly attracted by the claims of On Tap. He won three of his five races last season and was by no means disgraced, although a beaten favourite, when second to *Midyan in a listed race* at York on his final start.

That defeat was over six furlongs, possibly on the short side for him in good company, and today's extra furlong should be more to his taste.

Mulhollande ran well to be a head second to Antic Boy in a group three race at Leopardstown but the quality of Irish group events is variable and, although Mulhollande is favourably treated by the weights here, I nominate War Brave, the winner of his last three races, as the danger.

A good showing by War Brave would be a pointer to the chance of **Sharblask** in the Loddington EBF Stakes, a race also won last season by his trainer, Nick Vigors, with King Of Spades.

Sharblask finished second to War Brave at Nottingham and, on his previous and only other start, also filled the runner-up spot at Hamilton.

For the day's best bet I go to Ayr and **Tender Tiff** in the Ladykirk Graduation Stakes. She won first time out last season, beating the useful and consistent *Regency Fille on* heavy ground at Goodwood, justifying sustained market support with a pleasing display of determination.

Although she failed to win again afterwards, she ran several respectable races but perhaps most significantly only once encountered soft ground, that when unplaced in a hot Newbury nursery after a four-month lay-off. She should have underfoot conditions to her liking today and can beat the promising Annie Noonan.

Annie Noonan's trainer, Nigel Tinkler, may have the answer to the Garnock Handicap with **Good Point**. He was bought out of Jeremy Hindley's stable for 11,500 guineas after winning a Newmarket seller last autumn and looks reasonably treated against some modest opponents.

Lester Piggott made a fine start to the home season with Geordie's Delight, ridden by Pat Eddery, at Doncaster on Saturday, having already enjoyed a successful campaign at Cagnes-sur-Mer.

At Folkestone, Piggott has engaged Eddery for **Star North** in the Kingsnorth Handicap. Twice a winner in France, the three-year-old can underline the good form of the stable and capitalize on his fitness advantage.



Lincoln goes west: the Bristol-trained Star Of A Gunner, with John Reid in the saddle, heads for the winner's enclosure after victory in Saturday's William Hill Lincoln

Star Of A Gunner maintains tradition with Lincoln victory

By Alan Lee

Flat racing's high-fliers habitually move aside at Lincoln time. The annual contest for March hares is invariably the province of the little man, unfashionable if not unknown, and this was once more the case on Saturday.

The finish of the straight-mile handicap, sponsored by William Hill, was fought out by two Richards, Holder, who trains a mixed string of Flat and jumping horses in a suburb of Bristol, and Casey, newly launched in the job from a village base near Newmarket. Of the big boys, there was no sign.

If the trainers were refreshingly unfamiliar with the spotlight, however, the winning horse had at least toyed with it before. Star Of A Gunner, at seven the oldest winner of the race for a quarter of a century, might have won it three years ago if he had not been so mulishly intent on giving Willie Carson one of his more embarrassing afternoons.

"He bolted twice before the start with Willie, yet still finished fourth," recalled Holder in Saturday's moment of triumph. "It's very strange. He has never run away since then, until last Sunday, when he bolted on the gallops. At least we knew he was well, then."

John Reid experienced no such playful problems on Saturday. Covering up Star Of A Gunner for the planned late sprint, he looked well beaten when Pat Eddery opened up a three-length lead aboard Mystical Man approaching the final furlong. But when the champion jockey could find no more, Reid was still engaging top gear to power past.

Eventually, the danger came from the dreaded stand side. The pundits had generally ruled out all horses with a high draw but Steve Cauthen forged away from the eight-strong pack on his side on Vague Shot and was finally beaten by only three quarters of a length.

The day's other highlight at Doncaster was a double for Kevin Darley, the jockey living under the shadow of a three-month suspension imposed in India, which the Jockey Club here have revoked, pending inquiries.

On the Grand National front, Arctic Beau, a convincing winner over Liverpool's Mildmay course last season, has joined the growing list of defectors from Saturday's Seagram-sponsored event.

Ladbrokes report sustained weekend support for Dark Ivy, now down to 8-1 second favourite. The firm have £200,000-worth of spring double bets running on to Gordon Richards's grey from Star Of A Gunner.

Greasepaint may yet run

The on-off Greasepaint saga was taken a stage further at Leopardstown on Saturday after the dual Grand National runner-up had finished strongly to take fifth place behind Gay's Delight in the 2½-mile Kilternan Handicap Chase (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Widely reported as a Grand National non-runner before Saturday's race, Greasepaint produced his best performance of the season on ground that is very much against him.

His trainer, Dermot Weld, said: "That was more like it. If we look like getting good ground at Liverpool I would let him take his chance." A decision will be made later in the week.

John Malkers and Tommy Carmody, trainer and rider of Gahnoy, the sole Irish-trained winner at Cheltenham, were once more in trouble with the Irish stewards.

After Rest Or Buy had made up an enormous amount of ground to finish fourth to Olympic Times in the Foxrock EBF Handicap, both were asked to explain the running and riding of the horse. Their explanations were not accepted and the case has been referred to the stewards of the Turf Club.

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Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Carnet De Bal.	2.15 Glamgram Telegram.
2.45 Jeldaire.	2.45 —
3.15 Mareth Line.	3.15 Love Walked In.
3.45 *On Tap.*	3.45 *His Highness.*
4.15 Secoot.	4.15 Breakout.
4.45 Sharblask.	4.45 Beaulieu Bay.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.45 Gilberto.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 SHARP REMINDER.

Going: soft **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

2.15 KNIGHTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,134: 5f) (15 runners)

1	(1)	CARNET DE BAL (G Troeller) K Brassey 9-3	I Johnson	—
5	(3)	GLAMGRAM TELEGRAM (Miss E Tutty) R Boss 8-13	B Thomson	—
8	(5)	MR SHIFTER (R Goodman) Mrs J Reavey 8-9	Paul Eddery	—
9	(9)	THE BURDEN (M O'Connor) D M-Smith 8-9	R Wernham	—
10	(15)	KENSAL TOWN (M Smith) J Douglas-Home 8-7	R Cochrane	—
11	(4)	O K KID (E Goody) W G M Turner 8-7	T Williams	—
13	(13)	BUSY LIZ (Mrs D Botterill) W Wharton 8-5	A Proud	—
14	(14)	*KABCAST (T Broadley) D Chapman 8-3*	*G Craggs (7)*	—
15	(6)	L'ADDITION (S Barry) J Berry 8-3	P Cook	—
17	(7)	MOTTRAM'S GOLD (G Ashton) M Brittain 8-3	P Robinson	—
18	(8)	ROKABAR (Mrs A Braham) D Chapman 8-3	M Fry	—
21	(11)	DADDY'S DARLING (Miss L Blum) G Blum 8-2	M Rimmer	—
22	(2)	SPANISH MOU (D Farrell) M Eckley 8-2	C Rutter (3)	—
24	(12)	AYASI MOU (N Tinkler) J Payne 7-12	G Bardwell (7)	—
25	(10)	YUFFROUW ANN (Mrs J Reichler) K Ivory 7-12	N Carlisle	—

BETTING: 7-2 Carnet de Bal, 9-2 Daddy's Darling, 11-2 L'Addition, 15-2 Spanish Mou, 8-1 Kensal Town, Mr Shifter, The Burden, 10-1 Busy Liz, 12-1 others.

1986: PEATSWOOD SHOOTER 8-2 K Darley (7-2) M Brittain 16 ran

CARNET DE BAL comes from a stable that does well with early two-year-olds. By the useful sprinting sire Baldar. Foaled Mar 16.
KENSAL TOWN foaled Apr 14. By Camden Town, a sire who does better with his three-year-olds.

MOTTRAM'S GOLD comes from a stable in cracking form, have already had two Flat winners.
DADDY'S DARLING by Mummy's Pet, who is a top sire of early two-year-olds.
Selection: CARNET DE BAL.

2.45 BILLESDON SELLING HANDICAP (£729: 1m) (12 runners)

1	(12)	000/00-	JOUSTING BOY 220 (S Elmer) R Thompson 4-10-0	—	88
3	(1)	00000-	GLADE 188 (P Mitchell) P Mitchell 4-9-8	A McGlone	96
4	(2)	0003-	DENIECE 153 (B) (D Hodgkinson) E Alston 4-9-5	T Williams	86
5	(6)	300-	CAGLIOSTRO 296 (Mrs M Price) B Preece 4-9-0	J Hills (5)	96
9	(5)	000200-	ROBIS 222 (F Swain) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-10	R Hills	96
10	(6)	0/01030-	JELDAIRE 143 (S) (Mrs F Reiss) P Rohan 4-8-9	Gay Kelleway (3)	95
11	(7)	000-	*HILLISON 146 (Mrs E O'Donnell) D O'Donnell 4-8-6*	*Paul Eddery*	—
14	(11)	0000000-	MISS VENEZUELA 153 (Mrs V Taylor) B Stevens 4-8-0	G French	87
15	(4)	0000000/	FANDANGO BOY 574 (Mrs L Bertram) R Frost 4-7-13	—	—
18	(3)	040800-	STAINFORD ROSE 182 (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-7-8	A Munro (7)	● 99
20	(10)	040000-	OUR HORIZON 145 (P Thompson-Hill) T Barron 3-7-7	N Carlisle	86
22	(9)	0000-	FLORET 265 (A Goldson) Mrs N Macauley 3-7-7	—	—

BETTING: 9-4 Robis, 9-2 Jeldaire, 5-1 Cagliostro, Stanford Rose, 8-1 Glade, 9-1 Jousting Boy, 10-1 Deniece, 12-1 others.

1986: CAVALIERAVANTGARDE 4-9-5 J Reid (10-1) P Wigham 12 ran

FORM DENIECE, fit from jumping, (8-9) 3rd, made some good headway close home, beaten 4l, hd to Baydon Queen (8-4) at Nottingham (1m 2f, £911, good, Oct 28). JELDAIRE (8-7) was well backed when failed to show behind Highland Tale (8-12) at Doncaster (1m, £1509, good, Nov 7, 19 ran). Earlier JELDAIRE (8-10) 3rd, stayed on well at the finish, beaten 3½l to Capricorn Blue (8-11) at Newcastle (1m 1f, £1263, good, Aug 11, 9 ran).
STAINFORD ROSE, comes from a stable in top form, latest (8-4) 5th beaten 12½l to Greenhills Boy (8-7) at Hamilton (1m 1f, £755, good, Sep 29, 9 ran).
Selection: JELDAIRE

3.15 KINGFISHER HANDICAP (£2,451: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1	(13)	010403-	PRINCE SATIRE 216 (S) (Britannic Travel Ltd) R Akehurst 4-9-11	R Cochrane	90
2	(1)	00/0041-	AMIGO ESTIMADO 271 (F) (Mrs F Li) K Brassey 5-9-7	I Johnson	92
4	(10)	041-	MARETH LINE 205 (D,G) (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 4-9-13	S Cauthen	95
5	(2)	000041-	TROJAN WAY 257 (F) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 5-8-11	—	83
8	(5)	000200-	*FULL SPEED AHEAD 189 (Capt M Smyly) M Smyly 4-8-8*	W Ryan	87
9	(3)	300000-	SWYNFORD PRINCE 198 (V,S) (Qualitair Hotels Ltd) K Stone 4-8-8	M Birch	88
11	(4)	310420-	LOVE WALKED IN 268 (S) (Whiting Commodities) W Holden 5-8-6	R Morse (5)	94
13	(11)	0/30030	PATRICK JOHN LYONS 182 (D,S) (T Lyons Ii) P Arthur 6-8-2	D Price (5)	94
14	(8)	430000-	LOVER COVER 539 (G) (Mrs A Garrett) J King 5-7-12	W Carson	—
15	(9)	010020-	SPINNAKER LADY 182 (G) (B Simpson) M Usher 4-7-12	A McGlone	● 99
17	(12)	0010000-	MR MUSIC MAN 153 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Reavey 13-7-9	Fionnuala Madden (7)	94
19	(7)	300000-	GREEN ARCHER 217 (R Moody) Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-8	N Carlisle	95
20	(6)	000000/0-	THERESA 307 (G Blum) G Blum 5-7-7	—	—

BETTING: 7-2 Spinnaker Lady, 4-1 Love Walked In, Mareth Line, 5-1 Prince Satira, 6-1 Trojan Way, 8-1 Amigo Estimado, Green Archer, 12-1 others.

1986: BOLD ILLUSION 8-7-9 L Riggio (3-1 fav) M Eckley 19 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
J Dunlop	29	113	25.7
Mrs C Reavey	7	49	14.3
P Cole	16	117	13.7
M Ryan	12	112	10.7
C Britain	6	79	7.6
R Hollinshead	15	281	5.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Cauthen	29	130	22.3
W Carson	38	174	21.8
T Quinn	18	118	15.3
P Cook	18	125	14.3
P Robinson	13	156	8.3
B Crossley	7	85	8.2

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ——— B West (4) . 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

FORM PRINCE SATIRE (8-9) 3rd, lacked pace close beaten 8l to Maiedru (8-7) at Ripon (1m 4f, £2695, heavy, Aug 26, 7 ran).
AMIGO ESTIMADO (9-2) made all to win under hard riding by 7l from Asticot (8-9) at Lingfield (2m, £2264, firm, July 2, 11 ran).
MARETH LINE fit from a successful bumbling campaign (7-11) led 2 out to win 3l from Standon Mill (7-11) at Thirsk (1m 4f, £2442, good, Sep 6, 19 ran).
TROJAN WAY (8-7) made all to win 1½l from Castle Pool (8-8) at Yarmouth (1m 6f, £1735, firm, July 16, 8 ran).
LOVE WALKED IN latest ran badly when tailed off. Earlier (8-11) 2nd, failed to quicken close home, beaten 1¾l to Arbor Lane (9-4) at Ponsfract (2m 2f, £1741, firm, June 23, 10 ran).
PATRICK JOHN LYONS comes from a stable that like a gamble, a market move may be significant, latest ran well when out of his class, (6-3) 5th beaten 18½l by Cox Green (8-7) at Goodwood (1m 4f, £3088, good, Sep 29, 6 ran). Earlier PATRICK JOHN LYONS (7-11) 3rd, led to 3 out, beaten 8l to Cramming (8-0) at Chepstow (1m 2f, good, Sep 13, 9 ran).
SPINNAKER LADY best recent outing, (8-2) 2nd beaten 2½l to Innishmore Island (7-12) at Chepstow in a apprentice event (1m 2f, £965, good, Sep 13, 7 ran).
Selection: MARETH LINE

3.45 BURTON OVERY E B F STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,425: 7f) (7 runners)

1	(2)	41112-	*ON TAP 178 (D,F) (Lt Col R Warden) M H Easterby 9-6*	M Birch	98
2	(3)	24111-	WAR BRAVE 163 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-6	W Carson	98
3	(1)	10012-	STATE BALLET 155 (D,S,F) (D Beck) I Balding 9-3	T Ives	97
4	(7)	1322-	HIS HIGHNESS 199 (D,F) (Capt M Lennox) C Britain 8-12	S Cauthen	97
6	(5)	014320-	PLAGUE O'RATS 158 (F) (R Hesketh) M Smyly 8-9	B Thomson	94
7	(6)	0322-	BEST O BUNCH 180 (S Port) L Piggott 8-9	J Matthias	89
8	(4)	022-	MULHOLLANDE 156 (F Sehadi) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn	● 99

BETTING: 5-2 Mulhollande, 100-30 On Tap, 4-1 His Highness, War Brave, 7-1 State Ballet, 8-1 Plague O'Rats, 10-1 Best O Bunch.

1986: FLEET FORM 8-11 J Reid (9-2) C Nelson 4 ran

FORM ON TAP (8-11) 2nd, lacked pace close home, beaten 2½l to Midyan (9-11) at York (6f, £7765, good to firm, Oct 11, 7 ran).
WAR BRAVE (9-2) took it up close home to win well by 3l from Beau Nash (8-11) at Catterick (7f, £2840, good to firm, Oct 18, 5 ran).
STATE BALLET latest 2nd beaten 1l to Come On Sassa at San Siro, earlier (9-7) made all to win by a head from Be Cheerful (8-7) at Brighton (1m, £2541, firm, Oct 7, 7 ran).
HIS HIGHNESS (9-7) 2nd, kept on well, beaten nk to Spy Tower (7-7) at Goodwood (7f, £3179, good to firm, Sep 12, 9 ran).
BEST O BUNCH (8-11) comes from a stable in form, 3rd, lost his lead close home, beaten 6½l to Rebel Raiser (8-11) at Brighton (7f, £845, firm, Oct 1, 7 ran).
MULHOLLANDE (8-10) 2nd, just failed to get up, beaten a headd to Antic Boy (8-10) at Leopardstown, earlier (8-11) 2nd beaten 5l to last year's leading two-year-old Reference Point (8-11) at Sandown (1m, £3052, good to firm, Sep 23, 8 ran).
Selection: MULHOLLANDE

4.15 SIMON DE MONTFORT MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,638: 1m 2f) (17 runners)

1	(6)		ALL OVER THE WORLD (Mrs P Fitsall) R Boss 9-0	B Thomson	—
3	(1)	04-	BREAKOUT 142 (R Richards) C Britain 9-0	S Cauthen	90
4	(2)	000-	*CHARLIE DICKENS 146 (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-0*	—	87
6	(7)	4-	FAR TOO RICH 154 (Lady R Nuskin) M Smyly 9-0	W Ryan	98
9	(5)	434002-	GENTLE DARIUS 142 (T Ramsden) M Ryan 9-0	N Day	● 99
11	(4)		GROTIUS (C St George) L Piggott 9-0	B Crossley	—
12	(15)	000-	HIGH CHATEAU 156 (M Libby) J Sharpe 9-0	N Howe	75
15	(11)	03-	MAGNOLIA EXPRESS 184 (V) (C Papaioannou) S Dow 9-0	T Williams	90
16	(15)	00-	MARLEY MONARCH 161 (Marley Roof Tile) M Haynes 9-0	P Cook	—
18	(3)		*PERSIAN SPLENDOUR 120 (N Phillips) C Britain 9-0*	G Baxter	—
19	(14)		REGAL AMBITION (Skiltrools Ltd) J Shaw 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
20	(10)	00-	RIBOSAMBINO 153 (R Meredith) W Brooks 9-0	J Bray (7)	—
23	(9)	030-	SECOOT 154 (F Selman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	94
25	(17)		*TAXI LAD (R Brazington) R Brazington 9-0*	—	—
26	(8)	00-	TRANBY CROFT 153 (R McCreery) L Piggott 9-0	T Ives	96
28	(13)	0-	HATSHEPSUT 153 (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 8-11	—	—
29	(12)		MY INSPIRATION (T Sivitar) M Eckley 8-11	C Rutter (3)	—

BETTING: 100-30 Secoot, 7-2 Magnolia Express, 5-1 Gentle Darius, Tranby Croft, 6-1 Far Too Rich, 7-1 Breakout, 10-1 Charlie Dickins, 12-1 others.

1988: PRINCE MERANDI 9-0 Paul Eddery (20-1) M Francis 11 ran

FORM GENTLE DARIUS (8-11) 2nd, kept on, beaten ¾l to Ala Hounak (8-11) with BREAKOUT (8-11) 4th, stayed on well, beaten 5l at Doncaster (1m 2f, £1565, good, Nov 8, 15 ran).
FAR TOO RICH (9-0) 4th beaten 11l to Lyphards (9-0) at Lingfield (7f, £1850, heavy, Oct 27, 16 ran).
MAGNOLIA EXPRESS (9-0) 3rd, failed to quicken up, beaten 4½l to Insh Sailor (9-0) at Lingfield (7f, £1797, good to soft, Oct 27, 15 ran).
SECOOT (9-11) unplaced to Bocsiower (8-11) at Lingfield (7f, £3409, heavy, Oct 27, 16 ran).
TRANBY CROFT, comes from a stable in form, (8-11) 5th, made some useful headway and is expected to be a better horse this year, beaten 10¾l to the Derby hope Legal Eld (8-11) at Nottingham (1m, £3768, good, Oct 28, 19 ran).
Selection: TRANBY CROFT

4.45 LODDINGTON E B F STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,544: 6f) (8 runners)

2	(3)	0010-	BEAULIEU BAY 150 (D,F) (Mrs C Dickson) L Piggott 8-13	B Crossley	75
3	(4)	313003-	SHARP REMINDER 143 (D,F) (R Jacobson) D Laing 8-12	T Williams	● 99
6	(1)	43231-	GILBERTO 143 (D,G) (Mrs M Landi) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	87
8	(7)		ASHFOLD COTTAGE (J Galvanoni) J Bethell 8-8	B Thomson	—
11	(2)	22-	SHARBLASK 182 (W Pallister) N Vigors 8-8	P Cook	81
15	(6)	020040-	FALDWYN 213 (J Coxon) D Moffatt 8-5	—	63
16	(8)	00-	RIDGIDUCT 252 (J Berry) W Wharton 8-5	W Ryan	—
17	(5)	000000-	SEIMS 201 (H Saunders) P Arthur 8-5	D Price (5)	55

BETTING: 7-4 Gilberto, 2-1 Sharp Reminder, 5-1 Sharblask, 6-1 Beaulieu Bay, 10-1 Faldwyn, 12-1 Ashfold Cottage, 20-1 others.

1988: KING OF SPADES 8-10 P Cook (5-1) N Vigors 8 ran

FORM BEAULIEU BAY (8-10) 14th to Another Guest (7-10) at Newmarket (5f, £3464, good to soft, Oct 31, 18 ran).
SHARP REMINDER (8-7) 3rd, ran on well, beaten 2½l to Sandell Park (7-9) at Doncaster (5f, £2918, good, Nov 7, 14 ran).
GILBERTO (9-0) just managed to get a clear run close home and win by 2½l from Zuastrah (8-11) at Doncaster (6f, £1191, good, Nov 7, 22 ran).
SHARBLASK (9-0) 2nd, lost his lead close home, beaten 4l by War Brave (9-0) at Nottingham (6f, £1674, firm, Sep 29, 13 ran).
Selection: SHARBLASK

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Pendalty. 2.15 Pat On The Back. 2.45 Star North. 3.15 Jackie Blair. 3.45 Compleat. 4.15 Bill Lavender. 4.45 Darley Knight.

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1.45 Chummy's Girl. 2.15 Pat On The Back. 2.45 STAR NORTH (nap). 3.15 Stanbo. 3.45 Mawsuff. 4.15 Bill Lavender. 4.45 Grundy's Flame.

Michael Seely's nap: 4.45 DARLEY KNIGHT.

Going: heavy **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

1.45 HEADCORN GRADUATION STAKES (£684: 2-Y-O: 5f) (11 runners)

1		SENBERN Pat Mitchell 8-11	R Cwant 2	
2		CARFAX R Hood 8-11	W Newnes 1	
3		DEALERS WHEELS R Boss 8-11	W R Swinburn 8	
4		FREDS MELODY W Turner 8-11	R Fox 9	
5		GHIRADELLI SQUARE P Felden 8-11	G Duffield 3	
11		PENALTY K Brassey 8-11	R Adams 4	
12	0	SCHROT HANDLER 4 R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse 10	
15		ASFIRA R Smyth 8-6	G Kennedy (7) 11	
16		CHUMMY'S GIRL N Callaghan 8-6	Pat Eddery 5	
18		LARCH IMAGE LADY R Hood 8-6	J Williams 6	
24		TOUCH OF HAPPINESS M McCormack 8-6	J Reid 7	

2-1 Chummy's Girl, 3-1 Schrot Handler, 4-1 Dealers Wheels, 5-1 Touch Of Happiness, 10-1 Asfira, Pendalty, 14-1 others.

2.15 ALKHAM SELLING HANDICAP (£750: 1m 2f) (15)

1		221-	THE UTE 174 (B,F,G) J Fitch-Heyes 4-9-10	A Riding (7)	15
3		000-	TRATCHINGLY 238 (D,S) M Bolton 6-8-5	R Carter (5)	2
4		6/00-	LABRAG 287 J Davies 4-8-4	J Adams (7)	1
6		400/	CHAMPIONS DAY 987 (B) P Burgoyne 5-8-13	S Keightley 14	
11		000/	PINK MEX 1395 R Holder 8-8-10	G Starkey 12	
13		002-	HOKUSAN 168 (F) B Stevens 5-8-6	J Williams 5	
14		30-	TROJAN GOD 180 J Fitch-Heyes 5-8-6	A Clark 8	
15		209-	RUPERT BROOKE 231 A Moore 4-8-5	W Woods (3) 7	
17		6/00-	FULL OF SPEED 219 (F) H O'Neill 6-8-5	Pat Eddery 6	
18		000-	LUCKSIN 143 (B,F,S) P Burgoyne 5-8-4	W Newnes 12	
19		633-	POCO LOCO 150 A Davison 5-8-4	J Reid 11	
20		400-	PAMELA HEANEY 169 (G) H Beasley 5-8-3	P Waldron 4	
21		000-	SIRDAR FLYER 160 R Hood 4-8-3	B Rouse 10	
22		10/6-	PAT ON THE BACK 223 (B,CD,S) G Blum 7-8-0	G Duffield 9	
23		0/6-	GOLD FLOOR 359 J Bradley 10-8-0	R Fox 2	

7-2 Hokusan, 4-1 Rupert Brooke, 5-1 Pamela Heaney, 7-1 Trojan God, 8-1 The Ute, 10-1 Pat On The Back, 12-1 others.

2.45 KINGSNORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,217: 1m 4f) (11)

1		3113	STAR NORTH 15 (G,S) L Piggott 10-2	Pat Eddery 2	
2		400-	MANDALAY PRINCE 154 D Morley 9-1	R Guest 9	
3		000-	CARPET CAPERS 146 R Smyth 8-12	S Whitworth 1	
5		400-	PARIS GUEST 228 (F) Pat Mitchell 8-9	J Reid 7	
6		000-	FOREIGN KNIGHT 153 (S) M Blanshard 8-8	N Adams 8	
7		306-	BATTLE HEIGHTS 217 K Brassey 8-8	W Newnes 11	
8		000-	LIGHTFOOT PRINCE 212 M McCormack 8-6	J Leech (7) 3	
9		000-	SPANISH CONNECTION 154 M Haynes 8-6	B Rouse 4	
10		300-	JOSIE SMITH 189 (G) R Holder 8-4	G Duffield 10	
13		600-	TELEGRAPH FOLLY 194 (G) R Hood 7-8	S Dawson 6	
14		000-	MALACHI LAD 174 Pat Mitchell 7-7	Dale Gibson (7) 5	

6-4 Star North, 3-1 Carpet Capers, 9-2 Telegraph Folly, 7-1 Paris Guest, 10-1 Foreign Knight, 12-1 Josie Smith, 14-1 others.

3.15 ALDINGTON HANDICAP (£1,259: 5f) (15)

2		001-	COPPERMILL LAD 186 (D,F,S) J Holt 4-8-12	P Waldron 2	
3		000-	DUCK FLIGHT 212 (D,G,S) J Douglas-Home 5-9-12	Pat Eddery 10	
4		000-	HEART OF GLASS 194 (S) P Felden 4-8-8	M Hills 7	
5		000-	SUDDEN IMPACT 213 (F,G,S) P Arthur 5-8-3	S Whitworth 9	
7		000-	NORTHERN IMPULSE 182 B Gubby 4-8-2	R Cwant 3	
8		200-	JACKIE BLAIR 142 (B,D,F,S) M McCormack 5-8-0	J Reid 6	
9		000-	ETTA'S PET 158 J Winter 4-8-0	W R Swinburn 7	
10		100/	STREET LEVEL 525 (C,S) H O'Neill 6-8-6	J Williams 15	
11		020-	STANBO 154 D Dale 4-8-4	G Duffield 14	
13		234-	JAMES DE COOMBE 276 M Bolton 5-8-2	W Newnes 11	
14		606-	GENTLESON 154 (D,G) D Leslie 5-7-13	D McKay 5	
15		430-	TOLLY'S ALE 154 L Matthews 4-7-9	G Carter 12	
16		350-	MANGO MAN 225 (S,S) Pat Mitchell 6-7-9	Dale Gibson (7) 4	
17		600-	ROYAL BEAR 255 (D,S) J Bradley 5-7-7	R Fox 13	
19		600-	SNAPSHOT BABY 172 (B) R Voorspuy 3-7-7	L Riggio (7) 6	

4-1 Toby's Ale, 5-1 Stanbo, Mango Man, 6-1 Jackie Blair, 8-1 Duck Flight, 10-1 James De Coombe, 12-1 others.

3.45 ROCHESTER GRADUATION STAKES (Div I: £684: 6f) (12)

1		20-	COMPLEAT 192 (F) G Lewis 4-9-10	B Rouse 1	
3		200-	MATELOT ROYALE 247 (S) A Davison 4-9-10	R Teegare (7) 5	
4		304-	MAWSUFF 369 (F) H Thomson Jones 4-9-10	R Hills 6	
7		300-	PADDINGTON BELLE 153 (D,S) B Stevens 4-9-7	R Carter (5) 2	
9		600-	*ANOTHER BING 276 (CD,S) A Moore 5-9-0*	L Riggio (7) 4	
14			JAGAN SOMBONG R Hutchinson 4-9-0	R McGhin 12	
15		400-	CHAISE LONGUE 331 H O'Neill 5-8-11	J Williams 3	
17		600-	LOCHMAR 181 G Balding 4-8-11	S Whitaker (7) 8	
18		400-	PERSIAN PERSON 161 G Gracey 5-8-11	N Adams 11	
19		400-	SHADES OF AUTUMN 195 M Haynes 4-8-11	Pat Eddery 7	
32		330-	TAUBER 184 Pat Mitchell 3-7-11	R Fox 9	
34		00-	BOXERS CHOICE 287 J Bradley 3-7-8	D McKay 14	

7-4 Mawsuff, 3-1 Compleat, 7-2 Tauber, 8-1 Shades Of Autumn, 12-1 Chaise Longue, 16-1 Matelot Royale, 20-1 others.

4.15 SHORNCLIFFE GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £684: 1m 4f) (11)

1		60-	ZAMAR LAD 154 M Bolton 5-9	W Newnes 2	
2		00-	BILL LAVENDER 168 J Winter 9-0	W R Swinburn 4	
3		U-	CHARITY DAY 219 J Dunlop 9-0	B Rouse 1	
5			HIGHSTED I Matthews 9-0	G Dickie 8	
6		00-	HUBBA 154 R Hannon 9-0	L Jones (5) 9	
7		00-	KING AMONG KINGS 160 (B) Miss B Sanders 9-0	R McGhin 3	
8		60-	NEAR HEAVEN 182 I Matthews 9-0	G Carter 7	
9		0-	NORTHERN ALLIANCE 195 G Lewis 9-0	G Sexton 5	
11		0-	SAINTS ABOVE 163 A Moore 9-0	W Woods (3) 6	
12			TAUREAN TYCOON D Oughton 9-0	A Clark 10	
13		0-	TRAPDOOR 154 R Smyth 9-0	Pat Eddery 11	

6-4 Charity Day, 9-4 Bill Lavender, 11-2 Near Heaven, 8-1 Hubba, *10-1 Trapdoor, 12-1 Northern Alliance, 14-1 others.*

4.45 ROCHESTER GRADUATION STAKES (Div II: £684: 6f) (12)

6		100-	KELLY LINDO 153 (S) J Cosgrave 4-9-7	J Scally (7) 3	
8		000/	ADMIRAL'S DANCE 1003 J Bennett 6-9-0	S Quane (7) 5	
10		603-	BLACK SPOUT 230 H O'Neill 5-9-0	W R Swinburn 8	
11		000-	CAPISTRANO CLIMAX 214 W Kemp 4-9-0	—	4
12		000-	DEPUTY GOVERNOR 288 J Holt 4-9-0	P Waldron 10	
13		00-	DOWNTOWN BROWN 172 Mrs N Smith 4-9-0	J Carter (5) 12	
16		6-	HIGH VELOCITY 181 K Ivory 4-8-11	A Shoults (3) 7	
21		026-	DARLEY KNIGHT 191 (D,F) J Dunlop 3-8-7	Pat Eddery 8	

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RACING

Cash And Gold's late run is decisive

Point-to-point by Brian Reel

With a mile to go in *The Times* Championship race at the Westes and Banwell point-to-point on Saturday, Harvey Jane on Cash And Gold was almost a fence behind the leaders and looked right out of contention.

However, Jane, aged 22, kicked on and made ground as those in front toiled in the holding going. At the last fence, he was still 15 lengths behind Idle Rumour but the leader tired rapidly and was caught on the line, providing Jane with his first winner.

Andrew Kellway scored a double at the meeting, winning easily on Air Strike in the Members and being aided by the fall of Kiltra Boy when scoring on Royal Casino in the Adjacent.

The chalk subsoil and drying winds made the going perfect at Badbury Rings for the Wilton. David Naylor-Leyland, diverted from the VWH, had only one ride — on the disappointing Regal Pleasure — but saw his rival for the riding title, Mike Felton, go one ahead when Imperium won the Adjacent.

Miner Bird fell three out when looking a big danger and this denied his rider, John Parrett, a possible double as Hasty Retreat had been successful in the Open in a disputed decision in which opinions were divided as to whether or not Felton had hung on to his lead to the line on Sutton Prince.

Last year's Grand Marnier junior champion, Anthony Tory, a pupil with Tim Forster, opened his account for the season when Rhyme, a last fence faller when challenging in his previous race, made amends in the Restricted.

High winds and waterlogged courses caused eight of the scheduled 15 meetings to be either abandoned or postponed. The Grafton hope to race on Wednesday while news of the others will be given tomorrow.

BLANKNEY (The Carholme): Members: 1, Stancombe Lass; 2, Lumberjack. Only two finished. Adj: 1, Perroquet. 2, True Dowry; 3, Cawkwell Prince. Ladies: 1, Highgate Lady; 2, Jasna Gora; 3, Paper Rich. Land Rover Open: 1, Vulgarion; 2, Freddie Teal; 3, Connaught River. Rest: 1, Father Columbus; 2, Site Finder; 3, Indian Mills. Mdn: 1, Cawker Dyke; 2, Walkers Lodge; 3, Master French.

BRAMHAM MOOR (Wetherby): Audi Adj: 1, Honourable Man; 2, Landing; 3, Cap Hill Ladies: 1, Ursa; 2, Arctic Supreme; 3, Happy Voyage. Open: 1, Melodic Lad; 2, Douglas Brig; 3, Transaction. Rest: 1, Ingleby Star; 2, Wold Walk; 3, Crown Of Destiny. Mdn: 1, Brabiner Boy; 2, Le Plet Don; 3, Arctic Sparkler. Members: 1, Pay Zone; 2, Burn Buck; 3, Lovely Grange.

FITZWILLIAM (Cottenham): Members: 1, Samalas; 2, Michelle My Belle; 3, Tinker's Trip Adj: 1 Patmore. 2, The Maulaverar 3, Owen Sherry Open: 1 Cauchemar 2 Starwick Lad 3, Great Head Boy Ladies: 1, King Neon. 2, Rocktail, 3 Mamma Bridge. Rest: 1, Blakeson. 2, Flint. 3, Mull Of Galloway. Mdn: 1, Badgers Mead; 2, Highgate Lord; 3, Double Light.

WESTON AND BANWELL (Nedge): Members: 1, Air Strike; 2, Pucka Falls. Only two finished. Adj: 1, Royal Casino; 2, Right Of Way; 3, Sunny Sakara. Open: 1, Rawlinson; 2, The Warrener; 3, Coney Castle. Open: 1, King Burg; 2, Bergen Rose; 3, Scottish Sound. Times Championship Restricted: 1, Cash And Gold; 2, Idle Rumour; 3, Forest Bar. Mdn: 1, Garrison Arrow; 2, Claga Gunn; 3, Brooklands.

CRAWLEY AND HORSHAM (Parham): Hunt: 1, Dumfries; 2, The Hoolee. Only two finished. Rest: 1, Runwick Prospect; 2, Final Effort; 3, Just A Smack. Ladies: 1, Gay Fish; 2, Coral Leisure. Only two finished. Open: 1, Flamenco Dancer; 2, Galleon Beach; 3, Boonaboroo. Adj: 1, Bold Yeoman; 2, Philos; 3, Colonel Henry. Mdn: 1, Sea Fury; 2, Lord Solent; 3, Ashwater.

EASTON HARRIERS (Higham): Hunt: 1, Mountain Lad; 2, Beaumont; 3, Autumn Lady. Audi Adj: 1, Wise Gambol; 2, Lord Leighton; 3, King's Wager. Open: 1, Rhustad; 2, Fort Hall; 3, Midsummer Gladness. Ladies: 1, Martineau; 2, Viewed Away; 3, Mussel Bed. Rest: 1, Bold Fisher; 2, Sheragain; 3, Annadina. Mdn I: 1, Darrzaki; 2, Port Anna; 3, Iron Bar. Mdn II: 1, Hyperwash; 2, The Cobalt Unit; 3, Skivo.

WILTON (Badbury Rings): Hunt: 1, Newman's Girl; 2, Upper Blackbutt; 3, Crozman. Rest: 1, Rhyme; 2, Oak Lodge; 3, Dawn Saga. Ladies: 1, Grand Hussar; 3, Hazelwarr; 3, Little Dubby. Open: 1, Hasty Retreat; 2, Sutton Prince; 3, Kilton Jim. Adj: 1, Imperium; 2, Critical Times; 3, Lucky Friday. Adj Rest I: 1, Chevanter; 2, Cricket Wood; 3, Foxburst. Adj Rest II: 1, Cosmic; 2, Ninth Of May; 3, Some Power.

Saturday's results

Doncaster

2.30 1, Payneshoez (9-2); 2, Jumbo Perie (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Lolly's Luck (8-1). Concordass 9-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. NR: Geega.

3.5 1, Geordie's Delight (11-4 fav); 2, Guilland (13-2); 3, Spicy Story (4-1). 9 ran.

3.40 1, Star Of A Gunner (9-1); 2, Vague Shot (20-1); 3, Mystical Man (8-1). 4, De Rigueur (14-1). Gold Prospect 13-2 fav. NR: Really Honest. 25 ran.

4.10 1, Mistral Colin (14-1); 2, Bothy Ballad (16-1); 3, Musical Bells (9-2 fav). 14 ran. NR: Kyverdale.

4.40 1, Pearlswood Shooter (10-1); 2, Bridesmaid (11-2); 3, Perion (11-2). Que Sympatica 2-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Touch Of Grey.

5.10 1, Rare Legend (15-2); 2, Green Steps (11-4 fav); 3, Rat (20-1). 20 ran. NR: Cash To Burn.

5.40 1, Lochliver (16-1); 2, River Loch (10-1); Lady Moonlight (11-1). Provolo 9-4 fav. 18 ran. NR: Jollygemelion, Sharp Diamond, Miss Charming.

Newbury

1.45 1, Smart Tar (12-1); 2, Pageall Bay (7-2 fav); 3, Mr Key (6-1). 13 ran.

2.15 1, Junan Light (7-2 fav); 2, Ra Nova (12-1); 3, Jimmy Lorenzo (20-1). 10 ran. NR: Timely Star.

2.50 1, Tiaranile (11-1); 2, Anagnor's Daughter (14-1); 3, H And K Hattrick (14-1); 4, Great Aunt Sally (16-1). Ethels Course 4-1 fav. 19 ran.

3.20 1, Catch Phrase (6-4); 2, Mr Moonraker (6-4). Only 2 finished. Contradeal 6-4 fav. 4 ran.

3.50 1, Brest Riverside (20-1); 2, Admirals All (8-1); 3, Anything Better (13-2). Solasi 11-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Turn For Th' Better.

4.20 1, High Performance (4-1) 2, Hjani (33-1); 3, The Bakewell Boy (6-1). Imadjyna 3-1 fav. 20 ran. NR: Present Value.

4.50 1, Goodsanew (33-1); 2, Red Rambo (10-1); 3, Dupes Cigar (33-1). Garrison Savanah 6-4 fav. 18 ran. NR: Smile Again.

5.20 1, Strong Gold (5-4 fav); 2, Master Muck (33-1); 3, Border King (4-1). 18 ran. NR: Popeswood.

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Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

	W	2nd	3rd	Inj/ Rem'd	Total p/loss
M Pipe	71	31	27	2	+43.80
J Fitzgerald	65	32	20	3	-17.87
G Richards	54	45	33	6	-12.49
J Gifford	49	32	32	0	-23.73
G Balding	47	27	31	0	+88.21
N Henderson	45	25	25	0	+46.95
W Stephenson	42	49	37	5	-149.01
F Winter	37	41	24	0	-56.77

JOCKEYS

	W	2nd	3rd	Injury/ Rem'd	Total p/loss
P Scudamore	92	74	50	0	-122.68
M Dwyer	70	38	27	3	-21.09
R Dunwoody	57	59	50	5	-113.65
P Tuck	54	44	39	3	-69.67
C Grant	45	55	44	33	-11.13
S Sherwood	45	38	27	14	+22.88
G Bradley	44	25	19	10	-21.67
Smith Eccles	44	28	30	1	+19.07
R Rowe	41	26	31	1	-36.09

FOOTBALL: SURPRISING LAPSE BY LIVERPOOL PRESENTS EVERTON WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO OVERHAUL THEIR GREATEST RIVALS

Balance of power shifts in Merseyside title race

Clarke's coolness puts the heat on

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Arsenal	0
Everton	1

Two figures dressed in green filled the most influential roles at Highbury. The destiny of the afternoon, and perhaps even of the title itself, was miskicked by the foot of one goalkeeper and caught in the hands of the other. Lukic was the villain, Southall the hero.

Lukic's bizarre error was not responsible for destroying Arsenal's own pretentions towards the championship. They had already been dismantled. But he did make a deep impact on their dress rehearsal for the Littlewoods Cup final against Liverpool on Sunday.

George Graham had reassembled his strongest cast, the line-up which he is expected to lead out at Wembley. He recalled Anderson, Rocastle and Williams, the trio who had all, conveniently, been omitted from the visit to Watford.

Released from the danger of missing the final through suspension, they all played a part in a practice that Graham felt was relatively encouraging. "In patches, that was the best we have been for a few weeks", he said.

But Southall prevented Arsenal from collecting the prize they most wanted. Points, whether one or three, were irrelevant. Goals were not. The flow of them, like the famous clock at the ground, has stopped. They have not scored in League fixtures for more than nine hours.

Nicholas, with a chip, as exquisite as it was unexpected, might have broken the disturbingly lengthy sequence before Lukic's aberration. After it Anderson, twice, and Rocastle threatened to do so. Southall dealt ridiculously comfortably each attempt.

"We relied on our goalkeeper," Howard Kendall stated. "He had a marvellous game and he confirmed my belief that he is the best in the business." He added that two recent victories at home had restored his side's confidence. It has now been raised still further and the re-appearance of Sheedy and Sharp, both of whom could be available within the next 10 days, threatens to lift it to a peak for their potentially decisive visit to Anfield on April 25.

Everton, with a couple of games in hand, are now in a position to overtake their neighbours. They were ushered there by the composure and accuracy of Clarke as well as by the unfortunate Lukic who, as he left his area to meet an aimless clearance, could have sent the ball anywhere in north London.

He chose instead to give it to Clarke, who controlled it and lobbed it 35 yards into the unguarded net. His first goal for his new club was later to shine even more brightly in the light of Liverpool's defeat. Arsenal themselves were not displeased by the news either.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; V Anderson, K Sansom, S Williams, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, P Davis, N Quinn, C Nicholas, M Hayes, (sub: P Groves).
EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Watson, P Reid, T Steven, A Heath, W Clarke (sub: A Harper), I Snodin, P Power
Referee: K Hackett.



Leaping to prominence: Clarke, above Arsenal's Sansom, scored his first goal for Everton

Wimbledon maul the champions

By Ian Ross

Liverpool	1
Wimbledon	2

Liverpool are, after all, human. The manner in which England's most complete footballing side sank to a quite comprehensive defeat without so much as a whimper of defiance must throw into doubt their ability to win a championship so many had prematurely awarded.

Preposterous though the notion may be, Anfield's perennial winners were given a genuine, and quite effortless, mauling by a Wimbledon side whose education is very nearly complete. In fact the first division novices' margin of victory should have been far greater.

Liverpool have not been performing particularly well for several weeks now, which either says a great deal about their inbred ability to ride what luck comes their way or about the frailty of the challenges being proffered by the pretenders to their throne.

But if Liverpool were awful Wimbledon were magnificent. No respecters of reputation, they fought tenaciously for a foothold early on, building their more inventive moments around their forward, Fashanu, a man who is unorthodox only in the sense that, unlike most footballers, he is often reluctant to comply with the game's rules.

Having successfully ensnared Liverpool in a cunningly constructed defensive web Dave Bassett's unfashionable yet always entertaining side stole forward to justifiably take the lead eight minutes before the interval.

Hansen, having been penalised for a push on Fashanu, was, like the rest of his defensive colleagues, little more than a spectator as Winterburn swept home Hodges's short free kick.

Liverpool were level within three minutes of the restart, Dalglish picking up a loose ball before striding forward to bend a quite stunning drive inside the far post from fully 25 yards. Wimbledon had defended with an admirable degree of efficiency but no side could possibly legislate for a goal of such quality.

Despite the failure of Fairweather and Sayer to convert inviting chances Wimbledon were, however, to have the final say when their substitute, Cork, headed in a Hodges corner, which had been flicked on by Morris with just 10 minutes remaining.

Liverpool's misery was complete when it was revealed that their key defender Lawrenson, who had limped off midway through the first half, had been taken to hospital for an operation on a ruptured Achilles tendon, which will rule him out for the remainder of a season which is now tinged with self-doubt.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; G Gillespie, B Venson, M Lawrenson (sub: J Aldridge), R Whelan, A Hansen, K Dalglish, C Johnston, I Rush, N Speckman, S McMahon.

WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; K Gage, N Winterburn, V Jones, B Gayle, A Thorn, C Fenweather, A Sayer (sub: A Cork), J Fashanu, M Morris, G Hodges.
Referee: G Courtney.

Pleat finds that defeat at Luton has compensations

By Clive White

Luton Town	3
Tottenham Hotspur	1

David Pleat clearly appreciates life's little ironies. Only this could explain the mischievous grin he failed to suppress after Saturday's game when Luton Town, the quaint Bedfordshire club he forsook in search of fame and fortune elsewhere, took over as the south's leading challenger to the Merseyside monopoly.

Pleat must have taken a masochistic delight also in watching 11 of his old boys give a good caning to 11 of his new. Less pleasurable must have been the sight of Tottenham's championship hopes disappearing, despite his protestations that they never had a chance.

Certainly, their aspirations after last Sunday's win against Liverpool seemed to have come and gone as quickly as the freak shower of hailstones in the second half.

It was Luton's own intimate experience of the opposition that opened the way for their success. Hill's interception of Thomas's blind clearance in the fifth minute seemed to owe something to prior knowledge. He then sent Breacker on his way and, from the cross, Harford drilled the ball firmly into a corner of the goal.

Hill, who wants to leave Luton, was at the forefront of the shop window, not that Pleat, as a potential buyer, needed reminding of Hill's stirling qualities. Hill was at the origin of Luton's second goal too. Stein's perfectly-weighted angled pass owed much to the experience of plastic pitches and not a little to a sure foot. Newell's finish was equally assured.

A breakaway goal by Waddle from Hoddle's finely timed through pass briefly threatened Luton's superiority which had been hard won by; their midfield of McDonough, Nicholas and Hill, though outnumbered, were rarely out fought. And it was fitting that they should conspire for the third goal when Hill's cross cleared the Tottenham defence and McDonough stabbed home, grateful no doubt that he had turned down a move last week to Manchester City.

LUTON TOWN: L Sealey; T Breacker, A Grimes, P Nicholas, S North, M Donaghy, R Hill, B Stein, M Newell, M Harford, D McDonough.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; G Stevens, M Thomas, S Hodge (sub: O Ardiles), R Gough, G Mabbutt, C Allen, P Allen, C Waddle, G Hoddle, N Claesen.
Referee: D R Ellery.

Birch goal offers Villa a lifeline

Aston Villa	1
Coventry City	0

The wafer-thin dividing line that separates success from failure has rarely been better illustrated than at Villa Park. Paul Birch's 62nd-minute winner finally turned the tide for ailing Villa, who, for the first time in four months, hoisted themselves out of the bottom three.

Yet, but for a truly memorable 85th-minute save from Spink, Villa, instead of jumping two places, would have been bottom of the division today. They remain dangerously adrift in the relegation waters, but, at least for the time being, they have grasped a lifeline.

Coventry started with hopes of ending their 20-year jinx of never having beaten Villa in the first division.

ASTON VILLA: N Spink, G Williams, T Dorigo, M Keown, P Elliott, N Cooper, P Birch, S Stainrod (sub: G Thompson), A Gray, S Hunt, M Walters.
COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic, B Borrows, T Dobson (sub: M Gynn), L McGrath, B Kilcline, T Peake, D Bennett, D Phillips, C Regis, K Houchen, N Pickering.
Referee: W K Burge.

Ball smiles despite the tension

By Simon Jones

Portsmouth	3
Sunderland	1

Portsmouth are back at the top of the second division and, in view of their consistency over the last three years, that would appear to be their rightful place. Yet things are rarely as they appear.

This season, with only the top two clubs guaranteed a first division place, the pressure on them is likely to be even greater than in the previous two years, when their form collapsed at the crucial moment. Despite their present position there is no evidence that Portsmouth will be able to cope any better now than they did then.

Their manager, Alan Ball, tries to remain as cheerful as a Cheshire cat but he knows how fragile his team's confidence is. He puts it: "We're edging towards something edgily."

Against Sunderland, their defence suggested that panic is not far from the surface. When their own-goal specialist, Blake, had once again demonstrated his extraordinary knack of being in the wrong place at the wrong time, by diverting Kennedy's attempted clearance into the net for Sunderland's equalizer 10 minutes into the second half, fear was in the atmosphere.

However, just when Portsmouth looked ready to fall apart, Blake showed he can be dangerous in opposition penalty areas too as he supplied a forceful finish to an O'Callaghan free kick.

Three minutes from time Hilaire drove in the third goal, O'Callaghan again creating the opening, this time with a daring dribble. That was Hilaire's second goal — he had given Portsmouth the lead in the 29th minute, turning cleverly to volley in a long punt from his goalkeeper, Knight.

PORTSMOUTH: A Knight; K Swain, P Hardyman, K Dillon, M Blake, K Ball, K O'Callaghan, M Kennedy, P Mariner, M Quinn, V Hilaire.
SUNDERLAND: I Hesford; G Burley (sub: D Buchanan), F Gray, P Atkinson, D Corner, G Bennett, P Lemon, S Doyle, K Gerrachin, M Proctor, E Gates.
Referee: H W King.

Newcastle increase the tension

Newcastle United intensified the relegation struggle by extending their current unbeaten run to four games and leaving only one point separating the bottom four clubs in the first division after their 2-0 victory over Southampton.

Another 22,717 at St James's Park cheered goals from Goddard and Gasgoine, aged 19, whose return in midfield after five months out with a groin injury, is highly opportune.

But the decline of Sheffield Wednesday continued. Chapman put them ahead at the Manor Ground after 40 seconds, but Oxford United gained breathing space from the scramble through Saunders and Dreyer.

Oldham Athletic trailed to West Bromwich Albion with three minutes remaining, yet finished 2-1 winners with goals from Moore and Palmer. With six wins and a draw in seven games, Oldham are nine points clear of Ipswich Town in the second division, but may be forced into the play-offs.

Leeds United are also in the shake-up after demolishing Plymouth Argyle, their fellow-contenders. Baird contributed three goals as Don Revie, the former manager, joined a standing ovation at Elland Road.

Through thick and sin with Frizzell

By Nicholas Harling

Leicester City	4
Manchester City	0

Blind faith lives at Manchester City. "We haven't won for six months but, oh City, we love you," sang their supporters as they entered Filbert Street. By the end, their chorus of "We'll support you ever more," was repeated often enough to suggest that, whatever the humiliation, their team can do no wrong.

The fact that Leicester scored four goals to enhance their own hopes of avoiding relegation seemed not to deter the City diehards. Nor was Jimmy Frizzell hoodwinked by the 4-0 scoreline, the manager insisting that all the goals derived from his own team's mistakes.

With Bryan Hamilton, the Leicester manager, also winning £1,000 in his team's lottery, Frizzell said: "The way it's going for Hamilton, he'll probably win the league."

The way it's going for City, a second division future seems to have no probability about it. The defence panics at the first sight of the opposition, despite the presence of the mature McCarthy, and unless they can rediscover the knack of winning away after fourteen months without a success, it is goodbye.

At least they may go down looking good. Their change strip of red and black chequered shirts is original, even if it seems to inflict the spirit of the devil; Stewart, Nicky Reid and Gidman being booked. Leicester too had Osman, Andrews and Ramsey cautioned in a game so niggly that Arsenal must have cringed every time Smith, loaned back after costing £800,000, had possession.

After Morgan's shot eluded the clutches of Suckling, Smith added the second goal when McAllister's drive escaped the unfortunate goalkeeper and Redmond's headed back pass opened the way for McAllister to add the third after 34 minutes.

Gallantly, though, City attempted to improve the outcome. Although Simpson, the substitute, plugged away and Varadi's efforts deserved an ovation, their only reward was a fourth Leicester goal headed in by Ramsey. That left some sympathy for Frizzell's plea: "I'll have to keep plugging away until God decides I've been a good boy for a wee bit."

LEICESTER CITY: I Andrews; S Morgan, M Venus, R Osman, J O'Neill, G McAllister, A Maughten (sub; S Wilkinson). P Reid, A Smith, P Ramsey, I Wilson.
MANCHESTER CITY: P Suckling; J Gidman (sub: P Simpson), N Reid, S Redmond, M McCarthy, K Langley, D White, N McNab, I Varadi, P Stewart, C Wilson.
Referee: K Orton.

Vase final battle for neighbours

By Paul Newman

Two clubs less than ten miles apart and in the same league will contest the final of the FA Vase at Wembley on April 25. In the second legs of their semi-finals on Saturday, St Helens Town won 2-0 away to Emley (2-1 on aggregate) while Warrington Town won 1-0 at Collier Row (3-0 on aggregate).

The North West Counties League are to consider postponing the programme on April 25 to enable member clubs to attend the final. The people of St Helens will have two opportunities to support a team at Wembley as the Rugby League club meet Halifax in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final a week later.

A crowd of more than 3,000 saw Emley (Northern Counties East League) lose amid hail and a thunderstorm. Gledhill levelled the aggregate score in the first half and, in extra time, Rigby put the visitors in front with a header, Johnston, the St Helens goalkeeper, saving a penalty. Early in the match a boy suffered a serious leg injury when a fence collapsed behind one of the goals.

Bad weather conditions restricted the other tie to a crowd of less than 1,000. Collier Row (Vauxhall-Opel League) hit the woodwork twice in the first half, but for most of the game were comfortably held by Warrington, for whom Hughes ensured victory in the second half.

In the GM Vauxhall Conference, Scarborough returned to the top of the table with a 3-1 victory away to Welling United. It was their eighteenth successive Conference game without defeat, a league record. Barnet dropped to second place, one point behind, after drawing 1-1 away to Runcorn Scarborough and Barnet both have seven games left.

England come out on top in youth thriller

By George Chesterton

England U19	3
Wales U19	2

Thirteen minutes of intense excitement in the second half produced five goals and gave England a 3-2 victory over Wales in the Centenary Shield match at Hereford on Saturday.

The first goal in this under-19 youth international match came with only 25 minutes remaining. Xavier Bowers, of Wales, lobbing a long shot clear of Aiden Heaney. Two minutes later, Ian Brady put over a low cross for David Collymore to tap in for an equalizer. After a similar interval Fosbury, through on his own, scored from a narrow angle but Wales equalized after a vigorous counter-attack. Dean Beniamous lobbing in a rebound from a free kick that had hit the crossbar. England regained the lead when Gary Megennis cannoned in a long shot off the inside of the post.

ENGLAND: A Heaney, J Bone, D Rolph, P Tamerton (sub: D Jones), J Widdows, G Thorpe, G Megennes, D Collymore (Sub: R Lysons), S Murray, D Fosbury, I Brady.
WALES: N Edwards, D Iorwerth, M Pemondge, P Bowsan, D Williams, G Morgan, G Richards (Sub: M Gardinar), L Morgan, X Bowers, J Slater, D Beniamous (Sub: J Lewis).
Referee: P Dave (Devon).

Forest trip

Nottingham Forest will play Frolundatten, the Swedish first division club, in Malta tomorrow as part of the island's pre-election celebrations.

Yesterday

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Goole 1, Bangor City 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fareham 4, King's Lynn 1.

First division

Arsenal	0	Everton	1
Aston Villa	1	Coventry City	0
Leicester City	4	Manchester City	0
Liverpool	1	Wimbledon	2
Luton Town	3	Tottenham	1
Manchester Utd	2	Nottingham For	0
Newcastle Utd	2	Southampton	0
Oxford United	3	Sheffield Wed	1
QPR	1	Norwich City	1
West Ham Utd	1	Watford	0

Postponed: Charlton Athletic v Chelsea.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	35	20	7	8	61	34	67
Everton	33	19	7	7	60	35	64
Luton Town	34	16	9	9	39	35	57
Arsenal	33	15	10	8	42	21	55
Tottenham	31	16	6	9	52	33	54
Nottingham For	34	15	9	10	55	41	54
Norwich City	33	13	15	5	44	39	54
Wimbledon	33	15	6	12	44	39	51
Coventry City	33	14	7	12	38	38	49
Watford	32	13	8	11	47	44	47
Manchester Utd	33	11	11	11	42	33	44
QPR	34	12	8	14	37	43	44
Sheffield Wed	33	10	11	12	44	48	41
West Ham Utd	33	11	8	14	44	53	41
Oxford United	34	9	11	14	34	53	38
Southampton	33	11	4	18	53	58	37
Leicester City	34	10	6	18	47	63	36
Aston Villa	34	7	10	17	37	57	31
Charlton	33	7	9	17	30	45	30
Newcastle Utd	32	7	9	16	34	53	30
Manchester City	33	6	12	15	27	46	30

Yesterday

Full Members Cup Final

BLACKBURN (0) 1 CHARLTON (0) 0
Hendry 40,000

IRISH LEAGUE TNT GOLD CUP: Coleraine 2, Cliftonville 0; Distillery 2, Bangor 2; Glenavon 3, Newry 1; Glentoran 4, Portadown 0; Larne 3, Carrick 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 3, Manchester United 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading 1, Arsenal 3; Tottenham 5, Fulham 2; Watford 5, Luton 1.

ESFA UNDER 18 CENTENARY SHIELD: England 3, Wales 2 (at Hereford).

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 1, Altrincham 1; Cheltenham 2, Maidstone 0; Dagenham 3, Kidderminster 1; Enfield 3, Telford 1; Kettering 2, Stafford 2; Nuneaton 0, Worcester 1; Runcorn 1, Barnet 1; Sutton United 3, Frickley 0; Weeldstone 2, Gateshead 2; Welling 1, Scarborough 3; Weymouth 3, Boston 4.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Barrow 0, Chorley 4; Gainsborough 0, Mossley 2; Hyde 5, Workisop 2; Rhyl 0, Buxton 0; South Liverpool 4, Southport 2; Workington 0, Marine 0. Postponed: Caernarfon v Matlock; Oswestry v Horwich.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 2, Gosport 1; Basingstoke 1, Chelmsford 1; Bedworth 2, Dudley 1; Cambridge City 1, Bromsgrove 1; Corby 2, Witney 2; Crawley 2, Dartford 0; Fareham 3, Fisher 1; Folkestone 1, Salisbury 3; King's Lynn 1, Redditch 2; Willenhall 1, Aylesbury 1; Worcester 2, Shepshed 1. Affiliated Division: Banbury 1, Forest Green 0; Gloucester 2, Leicester United 2; Grantham 5, Hednesford 0; Leamington 0, Buckingham 0; Merthyr Tydfil 4, Rushden 1; Stourbridge 2, Moor Green 5; Wellingborough 1, VS Rugby 0. Postponed: Bridgnorth v Elsecar; Mile Oak v Halesowen. Southern division: Ashford 0, Andover 2; Burnham and Hillingdon 1, Poole 0; Canterbury 0, Dorchester 7; Chatham 3, Dover 0; Hastings 3, Sheppey 3; Trowbridge 3, Tonbridge 4. Postponed: Gravesend and Northfleet v Dunstable; Ruislip v Waterlooville; Woodford v Erith and Belvedere.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 2, Hitchin 1; Carshalton 0, Wycombe 2; Dulwich 0, Yeovil 1; Farnborough 2, Tooting and Mitcham 2; Hayes 2, Bognor 3; Kingstonian 0, Hendon 1; St Albans 3, Bromley 3; Slough 3, Harrow 0; Walthamstow 1, Bishop's Stortford 1; Windsor and Eton 2, Croydon 1; Worthing 2, Wokingham 3. First division: Boreham Wood 4, Tilbury 2; Bracknell 0, Watton and Hersham 1; Epsom and Ewell 1, Hampton 0; Grays 7, Leatherhead 1; Lewes 2, Maidenhead United 0; Oxford City 1, Staines 1; Stevenage 0, Finchley 2; Wembley 2, Billericay 1. Postponed: Leyton Wingate v Basildon. Second division north: Aveley 5, Letchworth GC 0; Berkhamsted 3, Heybridge 3; Hertford 1, Barton 1; Saffron Walden 0, Rayners 1, Tring 4; Saffron Walden 0, Clapton 1; Vauxhall Motors 1, Hemel Hempstead 1; Ware 0, Wolverton 2. Postponed: Haringey v Wivenhoe. Second division south: Banstead 0, Flackwell Heath 0; Chalfont St Peter 1, Newbury 1; Dorking 3, Molesey 0; Eastbourne United 3, Ruislip Manor 3; Egham 4, Camberley 3; Marlow 2, Metropolitan Police 0; Hungerford 0, Feltham 1; Petersfield 1, Chertsey 3.

FA VASE: Semi-finals, second leg: Emley 0, St Helens 2 (St Helens win 2-1 on aggregate); Collier Row 0, Warrington 1 (Warrington win 3-0 on aggregate).

ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Final: Brahrens 2, Hornchurch 0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE SENIOR TROPHY: Shortwood 1, Bristol Manor Farm 3.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Chigwellians 3, Old Carthusians 2; Old Cholmeleians 4, Old Etonians 2; Old Reptonians 2, Old Malvernians 4. First division: Old Aldenhamians 3, Old Citizens 4; Old Wykehamists 1, Old Foresters 2.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cocoars Trophy: Semi-finals: Chipstead 4, Farnham 1; Codham 0, Farleigh 3. Premier division: Chobham 0, Ash 4; Cove 1, Merstham 0; Hanley Wintney 2, Godalming 2; Horley 3, Malden Town 1; Malden Vale 8, Virginia Water 1; Westfield 2, Frimley Green 2.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Clacton 1, Haverhill 1; Colchester United 2, Ely 0; Felixstowe 1, Harwich and Parkeston 1; Great Yarmouth 0, Bury 4; March 6, Cambridge 1; Sudbury 2, Chatteris 0; Tiptree 2, Watton 5. Postponed: Stowmarket v Wisbech.

ESSEX LEAGUE: League Cup: Semi-final, first leg: East Thurrock 0, Purfleet 2; Maldon 1, Burnham 1. League: Bowers 5, East Ham 2; Brentwood 0, Halstead 2; Sawbridgeworth 2, Brightlingsea 3; Stanstead 1, Canvey Island 3; Witham 3, Chelmsford 1. Postponed: Eton Manor v Ford.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 0, Bristol City 0; Clandown 1, Clevedon 1; Dawish 0, Minehead 0; Frome 1, Taunton 1; Mangotsfield 5, Chard 0; Melksham 1, Liskeard 1; Paulton 0; Plymouth Argyle 7, Exmouth 0; Weston-super-Mare 2, Chippenham 3.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United 1, Yate 1; Bicester 0, Rayners Lane 0; Penhill 3, Moreton 1; Sharpness 1, Fairford 2; Supermarine 0, Hounslow 1; Viking 1, Morris Motors 1; Wallingford 0, Abingdon Town 5; Wantage 1, Thame 1.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Beaconsfield 1, Waltham Abbey 2; Beckton 1, Yeading 10; Corinthian Casuals 1, Barkingside 0; Danson 2, Edgware 0; Pennant 3, Crown and Manor 1; Southgate 1, Redhill 2; Ulysses 0, Northwood 0. Postponed: Bromddown v Hanwell.

NORTHERN COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final replay: Durham 2, Lancashire 1 (at Bishop Auckland).

Second division

Barnsley	2	Birmingham City	2
Grimsby Town	0	Shrewsbury Tn	1
Ipswich Town	0	Hull City	0
Leeds United	4	Plymouth Argyle	0
Millwall	0	Crystal Pal	1
Oldham Ath	2	West Bromwich	1
Portsmouth	3	Sunderland	1
Sheffield Utd	2	Bradford City	2
Stoke City	1	Brighton	1

Postponed: Blackburn v Reading; Derby County v Huddersfield.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	33	20	8	5	43	20	68
Derby County	33	19	8	6	51	30	65
Oldham Ath	33	19	7	7	54	31	64
Ipswich Town	34	15	10	9	50	33	55
Plymouth Argyle	33	14	9	10	52	44	51
Crystal Pal	34	15	3	15	46	45	51
Leeds United	33	13	9	10	40	35	48
Stoke City	33	13	8	12	45	39	47
Sheffield Utd	34	11	11	12	40	44	44
Millwall	33	12	7	14	33	33	43
Reading	32	12	7	13	44	48	43
Grimsby Town	34	10	12	12	35	45	42
Birmingham City	33	9	14	10	41	48	41
Blackburn Rvrs	33	11	8	14	32	40	41
Sunderland	33	10	9	13	36	42	39
West Bromwich	33	10	9	14	40	49	39
Shrewsbury Tn	34	9	11	14	37	49	38
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Oxford get it right for a fairy-tale finish

By Jim Railton

For probably the first time this year, everything went right for Oxford when it really mattered — on Boat Race day. Their president, Macdonald, won the toss of the golden sovereign and chose Middlesex, and that decision alone was a determining factor.

Oxford made no secret of their opening gambit. Before the umpire, Colin Moynihan, was ready with his flag, the Oxford bows pointed to Middlesex. Cambridge kept on their Surrey station off the start while Oxford dashed like fury for the welcoming shelter of the Fulham Wall.

It was a full half-second before the *Cambridge coxswain, Wolfson,* started to edge over to Middlesex. He attempted to crowd Oxford along the Fulham Wall and received two stern warnings.

At Craven Cottage, Oxford were almost a length ahead, and by the Mile Post Oxford controlled the Thames. Their stroke, Stewart, made two spurts approaching, and past, Harrods, and by Hammersmith Bridge, Oxford held a seven-second *advantage.*

Soon after Hammersmith, Cambridge made what appeared to be their last desperate effort, but could not raise their rate. By Chiswick Steps Oxford were a good *three lengths* ahead, and moving steadily away to lead at the finish by 12 seconds for an unexpected four-length victory.

One could feel for Macdonald, the Oxford president, who with a mutiny at the beginning of February, went through so much strain. "It was a fairy tale," he said after the race. "This crew wanted to win this particular race."

The 133rd Boat Race will go down as one of the most memorable in history. All nine Oxford men rose to *the occasion. The Oxford coach,* Topolski, too, must take a lion's share of the credit. His reshuffle of the crew just over a week before, bringing Stewart to the stroke seat and a new order in the engine room, was a masterly stroke.

RESULTS: Oxford bt Cambridge by four lengths, 19min 59sec: Intermediate times: Milepost: 4:19 — no time taken; Hammersmith: 7:40, 7:47; Chiswick Steps: 12:15, 12:25; Barnes Bridge: 14:27, 16:39; Finish: 19:59, 20:11: Goldie bt Isis by one length, time 20min 30sec.

OXFORD: Bow, H Pelham (St Edward's and Christ Church), 13st 9 1/2lb; 2, P Gleeson (Dartmouth College, US and Oriel), 14st 3lb; 3, T Ward (King's Chester and Oriel), 13st 9lb; 4, P Gleeson (St Martin's, Brentwood and Hertford), 14st 12lb; 5, R Hull (Wymondham, Robinson and Oriel), 14st 7 1/2lb; 6, D Macdonald (Morrison's Academy and Mansfield), 13 st 13lb; 7, T Cadoux-Hudson (St Mary's Hospital and New College), 14st 8lb; stroke, G Stewart (Bournemouth and Wadham), 16st 7lb; Cox: A Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol), 8st 3lb.

CAMBRIDGE: Bow, I Clarke (Stourport and Fitzwilliam), 12st 6 1/2lb; 2, R Spink (Sherborne and Downing), 14st 0 1/2lb; 3, N Grundy (St Edward's and Jesus), 12st 9lb; 4, M British (Hampton and Robinson), 14st 8 1/2lb; 5, S Peel (King's Chester and Downing), 13st 8 1/2lb; 6, J Pew (Episcopal Academy, US Stanford and Trinity), 14st 13lb; 7, J Garman (Shrewsbury and St John's), 14st 2lb; Stroke, P Broughton (Kelly College, Southampton University and Magdalene), 14st 1lb; Cox, J Wolfson (Eton and Pembroke), 8st 12lb.



Gleeson (left) shares Oxford's triumph with Lobbenberg, the cox

Head race crews blown to record

In contrast to the Boat Race, the blunting wind turned ally later on Saturday afternoon when 400-plus eights in the Head of the River event rowed the course in reverse from Mortlake to Putney (*Jim Railton writes*). The top six crews beat the 1982 record set by the Amateur Rowing Association's national squad though it was the ARA eight who held on to their title, slashing an incredible 33.42 seconds off that time.

They were closely pursued by the *Nottingham*-based national squad and the Italian challenge was kept well back with Campania and Fiat 'Aviazione' in third and fourth places. Other crews to beat the record were the Tideway Scullers School and London University.

The Tideway Scullers will be well pleased too in winning the Vernon Trophy as the fastest Thames tideway crew. Other pennant winners included Durham University and Hampton School with Imperial College collecting two trophies and their first boat finishing *a creditable* ninth.

The results augur well for yet another successful British team *at international* level and the organization of the event, considering the difficulties of holding it on Boat Race day, was exceptional.

RESULTS: 1, ARA National Squad, 16min 37.00sec (record); 2, ARA National Squad (Nottingham), 16:42.67; 3, Campania (Italy), 17:00.73; 4, Fiat 'Aviazione' (Italy), 17:02.10; 5, Tideway Scullers School, 17:02.85 (Vernon Trophy); 6, London University, 17:06.96; 7, ARA National Squad III, 17:10.97; 8, London University Tyrian, 17:11.63; 9, Imperial College, 17:15.37; 10, Bedford, 17:17.33 (Jackson Trophy); 11, Tideway Scullers School III, 17:21.30; 12, Leander, 17:27.72 (Pegg Trophy); 13, Hansa-Hamburg (West Germany), 17:27.89; 14, Lea, 17:30.60; 15, London, 17:31.01; 16, Vesta, 17:31.52; 17, Nottingham County RA, 17:32.24; 18, Leander II, 17:33.23; 19, Clydesdale, 17:33.62; 20, Thames, 17:34.83. Other pennant winners: *Senior A: Durham* University. Senior B: Hampton. UAU second crews: Imperial College II. Senior C: Emmanuel School. Fastest Service Crew: RAF. Novice: Imperial College IV.

RUGBY UNION

Efficiency prospers over gods of chance

From Simon Barnes
Hong Kong

The Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Bank Invitation Sevens has been going since 1976, and it has always been a feast and a festival in holiday humour. But yesterday, it was won by the most incredibly serious sevens team the world has so far seen.

This was New Zealand; these were All Blacks, and they are *not the sort of boys* that go into competitions in search of devil-may-care quixotry. They do not rely on intuitive moments, sudden upsurgings of individual brilliance, or the miraculous descent of the god of chance.

They play sevens with the kind of organisation that is more like the 15-man game, and is not unlike that of American football. They have a team split in two — four gorillas and three gazelles. They play as a team and stick devotedly to the team plan.

The Penguins, a group of various Brits with an Australian captain, who had mostly met at Gatwick airport a couple of days ago, played throughout with great flair, skill and imagination, and they hammered the French Barbarians. But they could get nowhere at all against *the All Blacks. It was awesome.*

New Zealand were seeded to meet Australia, who had quite a team, in the final.However, in their semi-final, Australia were brought down by the romantic's choice, Fiji, who, for a few brief minutes, put on a burst of all the wild magic that sevens does best: the behind-the-back passes, the one-handed catches and the "How the hell did he know that guy was going to be there anyway"? Australia had no answer *to it.*

Sevens was once all about elusiveness but, when you play the All Blacks, they don't run round you. they run straight through. Players end up in enormous heaps all over the field. This is not a weekend jolly anymore.

CUP COMPETITION: Quarter-finals: New Zealand 20, American Eagles 6; Western Samoa 4, Penguins 20; Australia 28, Argentina 0; Fiji 12, Canada 4. Semi-finals: New Zealand 28, Penguins 0; Australia 8, Fiji 14. Final: New Zealand 12, Fiji 6.

PLATE COMPETITION: Semi-finals: South Korea 6, French Barbarians 16; Spain 0, Welsh Academicals 10; Final: French Barbarians 26, Welsh Academicals 10.

BOWL COMPETITION: Semi-finals: Hong Kong 14, Kuang-Hua Taipei 0; Sri Lanka 10, Thailand 4. Final: Hong Kong 24, Sri Lanka 20

James' fortunes take a turn as Pickering is relieved

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

David Pickering, the Welsh captain and flanker, has been dropped for the final game of the Five Nations championship, against Ireland in Cardiff on Saturday. The leadership passes to Billy James (Aberavon), who was not even first-choice hooker at the start of the championship.

Steve Blackmore, of Cardiff, has been plucked from comparative *obscurity to win a first cap* at tight-head prop as Wales have made six changes, one positional, from the side beaten by Scotland. Their World Cup plans seem in as much disarray as England's.

Ieuan Evans, injured against Scotland, moves to his favoured right wing to replace Glen Webbe (Bridgend), leaving Adrian Hadley on the left, while Kevin Hopkins (Swansea) gives way to Mark Ring, who has not commanded a regular place in the Cardiff centre this season. Blackmore replaces Peter Francis, the Maesteg prop, after only one appearance; Ritchie Collins *becomes an original choice* at flanker for the first time and Phil Davies, injured against England, reclaims No 8 from Mark Jones (Neath).

Pickering, despite his experience, has not produced his most consistent form this season and now concedes the captaincy to James, who led Aberavon between 1979-81. It is an amazing turn-around for James, who lost his place to Kevin Phillips (Neath) in January, but returned after Phillips was injured.

Blackmore, aged 25, has a regular spot for Cardiff because of Ian Eidman's broken leg. From Fitzalan High School, Cardiff, he has no representative honours and must have clinched a place with a good performance against Neath — not a side to claim to be the strongest scrummagers in Wales.

Michael Bradley, the Ireland scrum half, is to undergo extensive physiotherapy treatment for a *leg strain* and was *flown* from the Irish training session at Lansdowne Road yesterday to Cork for medical consultation.

WALES (v Ireland): M A Wyatt (Swansea); I C Evans (Llanelli), J A Devereux (South Glamorgan Institute), M G Ring (Cardiff), A M Hadley (Cardiff); J Davies (Neath), R N Jones (Swansea); J Whitefoot (Cardiff), W J James (Aberavon, captain), S Blackmore (Cardiff), W P Moriarty (Swansea), S Sutton (South Wales Police), R L Norster (Cardiff), R G Collins (South Wales Police), P T Davies (Llanelli). Replacements: G M Webbe (Bridgend), M Dacey (Swansea), R Giles (Aberavon), A Buchanan (Llanelli), S *Davies (South Wales Police), G J Roberts* (Cardiff).

"I'm reasonably optimistic that Bradley will play against *Wales," Eddie Colman,* the chairman of selectors, said. Fergus Aberne has been selected as the reserve — ahead of Tony Doyle (Leinster) and Rab Brady (Ulster).

While Wales digested their glut of changes, England trained yesterday to meet Scotland at Twickenham on Saturday. They will not know until Wednesday whether Peter Williams, the Orrell stand-off half, can play; his right ankle will be X-rayed today after sustaining a strain against Bath on Saturday.

"Only King Kong will keep me out," Williams promised but, more pertinently, England's medical advisors believe he has a good chance. If he is forced to miss his first cap, Rob Andrew will probably return and Huw Davies (Wasps) will be the replacement.

Some comfort for England is that Scotland too have their troubles. Milne and White (ankle), Hastings (shoulder) and Tukalo (calf), all missed training at Murrayfield yesterday.

However, Laidlaw and Rutherford have been declared fully fit, although Alister Campbell, the Hawick lock, finds his bad luck continuing. His broken cheekbone has now mended, but has sustained badly torn ligaments in his knee and cannot be considered for the World Cup.

● England appear to have a curious disagreement with their *Australia, their World Cup* hosts. Michael Weston, chairman of selectors, wants England to reach Brisbane by May 13 to acclimatize, but Australia are not expecting them until May 16.

Gala's future lies in the melting pot

By Ian McLauchlan

With victory vital for their first division survival, Gala lost to *Stewart's Melville FP 25-15.* the Border side lacking the urgency needed to carry them through. Add their indifferent tackling and the home side, with Jim and Finlay Calder in full cry, were comfortable winners.

Gala opened with a try by White before Finlay Calder picked up from a scrum and shrugged off two tackles to score at the other end. Spence converted, but a Dods penalty again put Gala ahead 9-6.

Early in the second half Spence dropped a goal to level before tries by Finlay Calder and Scott took the home side clear. Although White's second try, brought Gala again within reach. Scott touched down to have the final word. Now Gala must depend on Melrose to defeat Ayr heavily to keep the *Netherdale side in the first* division.

Hawick beat **Watsonsians** 20-12 to win the McEwan's national league title for the tenth time. Early tries by Easton, Mitchell and Oliver gave Hawick a great start, while Gass added a conversion and two *penalties before half-time.* In the second half the visitors used their handling skills effectively, but could only add a try by Millar, to Hastings's kicking *tally of eight.*

Kelso beat **Heriot's FP** 13-9 in a hard-fought game to become runners-up for the third year in succession and Glasgow Academicals saved themselves from relegation, beating Selkirk 22-6.

Wakefield stamina is decisive

By Michael Stevenson

Wakefield	18
Liverpool St Helens	15

The new England captain, Mike Harrison, watched his colleagues defeat Liverpool St Helens at College Grove on Saturday. Some of the LSH forwards found it beyond them to raise their game in the second half, when victory was there for the taking.

Wakefield were clearly the fitter side, and found the spirit and stamina to arrive at the breakdown point before LSH, who foundered then sank. Their win was marred by a nasty *injury to wing Bennett,* who was stretchered off with a broken leg at the interval.

The first half started and ended with a penalty from *Adamson, then Barley* transferred to Adamson and Bennett scored what, in his 33rd year, may be his final first class try.

LSH tore into Wakefield initially in the second half, but gradually, pressure was rewarded and two more penalties from Adamson made Wellans' drop goal for LSH irrelevant.

Scorers: Wakefield: Try: Bennett. Penalties: Adamson (4). Conversion: Adamson. LSH: Tries: Penalty try: Williams. Drop goal: Wellans.

WAKEFIELD: R Adamson; R Bowers, B Barley, A Atkinson, N Bennett (rep: S Cowling); S Townend, D Scully, C Yemm, S Cruise, D Heron, I Hill, P Joyce, D Baldwin, P Fennell, N Rawnsley.

Liverpool St Helens: A Ashton; I Gibbins, B Wellens, N Simms, K Williams; A Simpson, A Hughes; P Robbins, K Rabbitt, G Chubb, A McGowan, *M Hale,* T Swann, J Haskett, M Bate.

Referee: Mr A L Mason (London).

Waterloo, by means of a hard-fought 9-6 victory over North*umpton at Blundellsands on* Saturday, became the winners of the John Smith's Merit Table B and defended their unbeaten record, while Vale of Lune ended as the *C* table champions.

It was near the final whistle before victory was assured for Waterloo, when a late penalty by Aitchison frustrated Northampton's brave defence.

Vale's fine back row never allowed **Sheffield** to settle, and Higgin's immaculate goal kick*ing contributed to their* 23-9 victory.

Vale's victory was welcome news to **Morley**, who are now assured of a place in the national third division next season. They were narrowly beaten at home on Saturday by **Broughton Park** 7-6, when a late penalty by the former Ireland full back, O'Brien, earned the visitors their win.

Bangor take advantage of Ballymena

*Ballymena can have no com*plaints about the 18-0 drubbing handed out by Bangor in the AIB Senior Cup semi-final at Ravenhill on Saturday (George Ace writes).

Poor Ballymena looked jaded throughout the first half, during which Bangor scored a try and a penalty, and obviously still feeling the effects of facing the New Zealand Barbarians in midweek, conceded two further tries and a penalty.

Bangor, the holders, will meet Ards, who beat Dungannon 11-3, on April 11 at Ravenhill.

SCORERS: Ballymena v Bangor: Bangor: Tries: Kennedy, Whittle, Elliott. Penalties: Elliott (2). Ards v Dungannon: Ards: Tries: Hooks, McCaughey. Penalty: Callow. Dungannon: Penalty: Archer.

RESULTS: AIB Ulster Senior Cup: Semi-finals: Ballymena 0, Bangor 18; Ards 11, Dungannon 3. Senior League: Section One: Collegians 9, Instonians 15. Section Two: Academy 22, City of Derry 10. Club games: Armagh 13, Dundalk 22; NIFC 23 Malone 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax hold on to go through to Wembley final

By Keith Macklin

Halifax	12
Widnes	8

The last 10 minutes of this second Silk Cut Cup semi-final were riddled with tension, with the minutes ticking quickly away for Widnes and dragging like an eternity for Halifax.

Widnes, seemingly beaten at *12-2 down, suddenly produced a* 70th-minute try that threw the game wide open. Wright broke from his own half, David Hulme supported, and McKenzie was on the inside to take the pass and gallop to the line. Platt kicked the goal and, at 12-8, the great cup fighters, Widnes, developed the strength of desperation while Halifax became ragged and nervy for the first time in the match.

In those frantic last minutes *Widnes were* exerting such pressure that when their coach, Duggie Laughton, tried to substitute Kurt Sorenson, the New Zealander ignored the *signals from the touchline* and refused to leave the field, chosing to lead the last great but unavailing surge.

In the first half, against a strong wind, Halifax had dominated Widnes with skilful handling, astute kicks and determined tackling.Pendlebury fooled the Widnes defence to run over the line from his own play-the-ball, and Whitfield kicked the goal. Then the Australian centre, Rix, ran 50 metres for a magnificent solo try to make it 10-0. Platt kicked a penalty goal for Widnes and it was 10-2 at half-time.

Widnes brought on Pinner, and for a while their attack stretched the *Halifax defence* as Pinner threw out smooth passes. But Halifax weathered the storm, Whitfield kicked another goal, and the Australians, Eadie and Neller, led some tremendous charges and the game seemed safe until that gripping last 10 minutes. Halifax now go through to play St Helens in the final at Wembley on May 2.

SCORERS: Halifax: Tries: Pendlebury, Rix. Goals: Whitfield (2). Widnes: Try: McKenzie. Goals: Platt (2).

HALIFAX: G Eadie; S Wilson, C Whitfield, G Rix, W George, C Anderson, G Stephens; B Beevers, S McCallion, K Neller, M Scott, P Dixon, J Pendlebury.

WIDNES: D Platt; R Thackray, D Wright, D Hulme, J Basnett; A Myler, A Sullivan; K Sorenson, R McKenzie, S O'Neill, M O'Neill, R Eyres, P Hulme (sub: H Pinner). Referee: K Allatt.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull 12, Warrington 46; Leeds 14, Barrow 4; *Leigh 18, Bradford 18;* Oldham 6, Castleford 29; St Helens 44, Hull KR 22; Wakefield 6, Wigan 72. Second division: Batley 0, Swinton 8; Blackpool 18, Bramley 22; Doncaster 20, York 10; Huddersfield 26, Runcorn 12; Keighley 18, Rochdale 30; Mansfield 7, Workington 8; Sheffield 16, Hunslet 12; Whitehaven 32, Fulham 14.

Saturday

SILK CUT CUP: Semi-finals: Widnes 8, Halifax 12.

Yesterday

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull 12, Warrington 46; Leeds 14, Barrow 4; *Leigh 18, Bradford 18;* Oldham 6, Castleford 29; St Helens 44, Hull KR 22; Wakefield 6, Wigan 72. Second division: Batley 0, Swinton 8; Blackpool 18, Bramley 22; Doncaster 20, York 10; Huddersfield 26, Runcorn 12; Keighley 18, Rochdale 30; Mansfield 7, Workington 8; Sheffield 16, Hunslet 12; Whitehaven 32, Fulham 14.

CRICKET

Greenidge rampant in victory

From D J Cameron
Christchurch

Gordon Greenidge led the West Indies to a 10-wicket win over New Zealand in their third and final one day international match of the New Zealand tour.

Batting first, New Zealand struggled to 191-9 in their 50 overs, an innings which sometimes surged but more often sagged. It was never going to be enough to make the West Indian batsmen work very hard for victory.

However, no one really expected Greenidge and Haynes to stroll home at 192 with 10 wickets and 64 balls to spare. Greenidge scored 104, a rather speckled innings, in the previous one-day game between two uneven competitors. On Saturday, he was in magnificent form, scoring 133 from 139 balls, *16 fours and four sixes* and leaving only the crumbs for Haynes, who had 56 from 100 balls.

This was Greenidge's ninth century in one day internationals. It is difficult to imagine he could play better. He took all manner of risks in his 104 at Auckland but, under the sun at Lancaster Park on Saturday, Greenidge batted with imperious precision.

As a sentimental gesture Jeremy Coney the New Zealand captain, who has now moved into retirement, bowled what looked certain to be the last over with only two runs needed. *Haynes, for some reason or* another, turned the act into pathos and played back a cautious maiden.

With only one boundary needed for the win, there was the chance that Greenidge and Haynes would break the international one day opening record of 193, set by Bill Athey and Graham Gooch against the New Zealanders at Old Trafford last July. However, when Greenidge drove what should have been a single to midwicket, Hadlee toed the ball around until the required two runs were taken so the West Indians fell two runs short of setting a new mark.

The New Zealand innings was notable for the usual rapid departure of Rutherford, the opening batsman, who must dread West Indian bowlers, and then a partial recovery led by Martin Crowe with 42. But, having survived fairly well against the fast bowlers, New Zealand managed to lose three mid-innings wickets in nine balls to the innocent off-spin bowling of Carl Hooper.

NEW ZEALAND

P A Horne run out	15
K R Rutherford b Garner	2
M D Crowe lbw b Walsh	42
J J Crowe c Richardson b Gray	2
D N Patel b Hooper	36
J V Coney b Hooper	21
J G Bracewell b Hooper	0
R J Hadlee c Payne b Walsh	22
†E B McSweeney not out	13
M C Snedden c Gray b Patterson	4
E J Chatfield not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 11, w 12, nb 5)	31
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	191

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-63, 3-74, 4-77, 5-138, 6-138, 7-145, 8-174, 9-180.

BOWLING: Garner 10-1-33-1; Patterson 9-0-34-1; Walsh 7-0-16-2; Gray 10-2-30-1; Richards 8-0-37-0; Hooper 6-0-27-3.

WEST INDIES

C G Greenidge not out	133
D L Haynes not out	53
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 1)	6
Total (no wkt, 39.2 overs)	192

R B Richardson, C L Hooper, **I V A Richards, A L Logie,* †*T R O Payne,* J Garner, A H Gray, C A Walsh and B P Patterson did not bat.

BOWLING: Chatfield 9-1-19-0; Hadlee 7-0-33-0; Snedden 7-0-37-0; Bracewell 5-0-26-0; M D Crowe 3-0-19-0; Coney 3-1-22-0; Patel 5-0-31-0; Rutherford 0.2-0-2-0.

Postponement for Hounslow

Four Pizza Express London League sides, Southgate, Hounslow, Slough and Teddington, qualified on Saturday for the semi-finals of the Hockey *Association Cup on April 11,* but in announcing the draw today, the organisers will consider Hounslow's request for a postponement as four of their players, Pappin, Clift, Grimley and Potter, will be with the Great Britain team in Malaysia (Sydney Friskin writes).

Hounslow defeated **Leicester Westleigh** 1-0; **Southgate** extracted an exciting 2-1 victory at **Neston**; **Slough** beat **Olton** and **West Warwickshire** 6-0 away and *Teddington defeated Indian* Gymkhana 3-2.

● **Isca** won the Sun Life West League championship after a goalless draw with **Plymouth**, pipping **Taunton Vale** on goal difference. **Old Loughtonians** beat **Westcliff** 4-1 to win the in the Norwich Union East League title with **Cambridge City** runners-up on goal difference.

HOCKEY

Triple win crowns Irish team

By Joyce Whitehead

Ireland won the triple crown at Gateshead at the weekend with victories against Scotland, Wales and England. Decisive play and penalty corner shooting made them the best of the four countries.

Mary Barnwell scored three goals in two matches before an injury forced her to miss the last game against Wales, who yesterday started level on points with Ireland. In the second half the difference between the two teams was simply Ireland's two goals. England, desperate against Ireland on Saturday, played Scotland on the wooden spoon, a 1-1 draw meaning that Scotland finished fourth in the Home Countries championship on goal average.

RESULTS: Saturday: Wales 3, Scotland 0: Ireland 2, England 1. Sunday: Ireland 2, Wales 0, England 1, Scotland 1.

HORSE TRIALS

On line for Badminton

By Jenny MacArthur

Helen Ogden and Streetlighter had an auspicious last outing before Badminton yesterday when they won their advanced *section at the Croft Original* Belton Park horse trials in Lincolnshire.

A good performance at Badminton should put Miss Ogden in line for a place in this year's European Championships.

Ian Stark's place is virtually assured. He has won three advanced classes this year on three different horses. Yesterday, in section M, it was the turn of the 10-year-old Charlie Brown.

Polly Martin and Krugerrand, both competing in their first advanced class, were the surprise winners of section H.

RESULTS: Advanced: Section H: 1, Krugerrand (P Martin), 41; 2, Spy Story II (A Parmus), 45; 3, Kilnachtomas (S Hercock), 46. Section K: 1, Zeus (J Salmsbury), 32.2; Molberry Wells (R Lord), 38; 3, Ace (N Taylor), 40. Section L: 1, Streetlighter (H Ogden), 22; 2, Alibi (R Burns), 26; 3, The Cordweiner (J Evans), 38. Section M: 1, Charlie Brown (I Stark), 39; 2, Nilliam (R Hunt), 44; 3, Bledon's Dance (J Johnson), 44.

FOR THE RECORD

ARCHERY

ADELAIDE: World Championships: Team events: Fifth and final day: Men: 1, West Germany, 691; 2, US, 676; 3, China, 671. British placing: 7, 644. Women: 1, USSR, 894; 2, South Korea, 869; 3, France, 866.

ATHLETICS

PRESTON: English Schools Mile: Cross-country championships: Boys: Junior 5,000m: 1, G Russell (Staffs), 17min 16sec. Winning county: Merseyside, Intermediate 5,500m: 1, M Campbell (Hants), 20:51. Winning county: Greater Manchester. Senior 8,000m: 1, J Dennis (Hants), 26:57. Winning county: Greater Manchester. GIRLS: Junior 1,000m: 1, J Colligan (Merseyside), 12:47. Winning county: Merseyside. Intermediate 4,000m: 1, E Hamil (Merseyside), 15:12. Winning county: Great Manchester. Senior 4,500m: 1, F Trueman (Notts), 16:14. Winning county: Greater Manchester.

CHIPPEL GHYLL RACE (2 miles, 1,400ft): 1, Donald Lee (Cumberland FR), 21:14; 2, Ross Hope (Carnethy HR), 21:23; 3, Ian Davidson (Carnethy HR), 21:27. Women: Paula Horton (Edinburgh AC), 26:26. Veterans: Hugh Parry (Eryri, 22:21. Team: Carnethy HR.

BOURNEMOUTH: Piers Open (6 miles road walk): 1, C Maddocks (Plymouth), 40:27; 2, J Ball (Southampton), 43:55; 3, A Trigg (Leicester), 45:01. Teams: 1 Steyning, 20pts; 2, Plymouth, 21; 3, Southampton, 52. Women: S Brown (Steyning), 49:07.

HAYES, KENT: Johnson Bowl (7 miles road walk): 1, P Hannell (Blackheath), 57.26; 2, S Lightman (Surrey WC), 60.35; 3, S Brown (Surrey WC), 60.43. Team: 1, Surrey WC, 20pts; 2, Blackheath, 35.

BADMINTON

HULL: Hull Open Championship: Finals: Men's singles: M Adams bt N Pancesar, 15-5, 15-7. Doubles: M Brown and R Duffendale bt G Dixon and Adams, 15-5, 15-5. Women's singles: S Orwin bt C Kirkup, 11-2, 11-7. Doubles: L Bracken and C Watson bt A Kellett and F Lockwood, 15-4, 17-15. Mixed doubles: D Wright and P Kilvington bt Brown and Bracken, 15-9, 15-2.

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Basketball Associations (NBA): Indiana Pacers 120, Atlanta Hawks 114; Dallas Mavericks 114, Washington Bullets 107; Los Angeles Lakers 123, Houston Rockets 109; Detroit Pistons 121, Denver Nuggets 109; Sacramento Kings 113, Los Angeles Clippers 91; Golden State Warriors 116, Utah Jazz 110.

NEW YORK: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship Tournament: Semi-finals: Syracuse 77, Providence 63; Indiana 97, Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) 93.

BOXING

COPENHAGEN: European heavyweight championship title bout: Anders Eklund (Swe) bt Attilio Evangelista (Sp), no 7th rnd.

World junior lightweight championship: Gert Bo Jacobsen (Den) bt Felipe Julio (Col) rsc 5th rnd.

SEOUL: International Boxing Federation junior flyweight title bout: Choi Jom-hwan (S Kor) bt Tacy Macalos (Phil), pts.

SAN JUAN: World Boxing Association junior lightweight title bout: Brian Mitchell (SA) drew with Joe Rivera (P Rico). Mitchell retained title.

LIDO DI CAMAIORE: World International Boxing Federation cruiserweight title bout: Rocky Parkey (US) bt Chisanda Mutti (Zam), rsc 12th rnd.

MORIGUCHI: World Boxing Association bantamweight title bout: Takuya Muguruma (Japan) bt Azael Moran (Pan), ko 5th rnd.

CROSS-COUNTRY

SAN VITTORE OLONA: Five miles: Men: (10.8km): 1, P Kipkoech (Ken), 30:14min; 2, J Ngugi (Ken), 30:41; 3, F Panetta (It), 30:47. 4, S Morgheem (Aus), 30:48. 5, D Clarke (GB), 30:50. Women: (5 km): 1, L Jennings (US), 17:44min; 2, K Wood (Aus), 45sec behind; 3, M Waimau (Ken), 49sec behind.

CYCLING

CAUSSOLS, France: Criterium Internationale: Second stage (84km): 1, S Kelly (Ire), 2, S Roche (Ire), both in 2hr 22min 16sec; 3, R Gobr (Ned), at 26sec. Overall: 1, Schepers, 6:53:12; 2, Kelly, at 1sec; 3, Roche, at 2sec.

PRATO, Italy: Trade and Industry Grand Prix races: (223km): D Carole (It), 5hr 39min; 2, M Tabai (It), A Canzonieri (It), same time.

HAYFIELD: Bolsover Diamond Prix: (225km): 1, E Planckaert (Bel), 5hr 48min; 2, J Nijdam (Neth), *at 7sec*; 3, M Sergeant (Bel), same time.

LAKE WINDERMERE: Portholme Grand Prix Time Trial: (21.2 miles): Men: 1, D Webster (Manchester Wh Wheelers), 47.44; 2, P Curran (Man Wh), 48.37; 3, C Boardman (Man Wh), 49.37; 4, G Lumb (V C York), 50.39; 5, P *Longbottom (Man Wh), 50.53; 6, G Longland* (Ampthill RC), 51.09. Women: 1, B Collins, (Man Wh), 1.0 37; 2, M Grewill (Mid-Shropshire Wheelers), 10.59.

TIME TRIALS

KENT VALLEY PORTHOLE GP (21.2 miles): 1, D Webster (Manchester Wh), 47min 44sec; 2, P Curran (Man Wh), 48.37; 3, C Boardman (Man Wh), 49.37. Team: Man Wh, 2:25:58.

BARNSLEY RC (25 miles): 1, I Cammish (Man Wh), 55:52. Team: Mapperley CC.

SALISBURY RC (25 miles): 1, N Gardiner (Overton CC), 57:52. Team: Weston Wh, 1:01:36.

EAST SUSSEX CA (two-up) (28 miles): 1, S Dennis and A Stanmeare (East Grinstead CC), 1:07.4.

EASTERN COUNTIES CA (25 miles): 1, S Coles, (Thurrock RC), 59:22. Team: Sydenham Wh, 3:12:51.

CREWE CLARION (two-up) (29 miles): 1 *A Roberts and C Spotswood (Crewe Clarion),* 1:1.37. Composite: G Watts (Horwich CC) and D Pinnie (Man Wh), 1:08.55.

HIGH WYCOMBE CC (two-up) (29 miles): 1 C Rosher and C Garinge (Hounslow Dez Wh), 1:13:10.

CC BRECKLAND (four-up) (31 miles): 1, Polytechnic CC (P Bennett, P Dantoft, J Proctorad, A Smith), thr 09min 57sec.

SAN FAIRY ANN CC (25 miles): 1, S Barnes (Polytechnic CC), 58:16. Team: Medway velo.

COVENTRY CC (Hilly) (27 miles): 1, G Platts (Charnwood CRC), 1:25.20.

CAULDER CLARION (24 miles): 1, K Warr (Seacroft Wh), 1:02:53. Team: Seacroft Wh, 3:12:21.

PRESTON WH (two-up) (25 miles): 1, S Nabb and G Nabb (Clayton Velo), 58:49.

ROAD RACES

PLYMOUTH PREMIER WINKLEIGH (54 miles): 1, A Hitchen (Mid Devon RC), 2hrs 25min 12sec.

PORT SUNLIGHT WH IAN MAY (54 miles): 1, N Hughes (Rhos-on-Sea CC), 2:04:05.

PRESBURY PARK CC (50 miles): 1, T Watson (Alpha RC), 1:58:10.

MISTRAL RR (58 miles): 1, C Costello (Southdown Velo), 2:38.

DE LAUNE CC WOODWARD TROPHY (Eastway) (50 miles): 1, S Poulter (Interord) 1:59:20; 2, T Stevens (34th Normans), at 4sec; 3, I Saunders (Sheffield Central), at 1min 28sec.

EQUESTRIANISM

GENEVA: Geneva International show: World Cup European qualifying event: (All in second jump-off): 1, P Schockemoehle (WG), Next Orchidee, no faults, 28.67sec; 2, V Tejeira (Br), Lansarey, no faults, 28.92; 3, V Reynolt (Aus), Apollo, no faults, 53.98. World Cup qualifying standings after 10 rounds: 1, P Schockemoehle (WG), 82pts; 2, E Macken (Ire), 63; 3, T Pruskmann (Austria), 56; 4, J Whitaker (GB), 54, 5, F Stoofmak (WG), 53; 6, P Rozier (Fr), 52. Other British placings: 11, M Pavyah, 40; 14, Peter Charles, 35; 15, N Stetch, 32.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH TROPHY: First leg: Cradley Heath 46 (E Gundersen 11, J Pedersen 12); Wolverhampton 32 (S Ermolenko 12, P Eriksen 8).

LEAGUE CUP: Coventry 47 (T Knudsen 12, K Jatum 11, R Haller 8); Sheffield 31 (S Moran 10, K Indahl 9).

CHALLENGE MATCH: Swindon 51 (M Sierra 12, J Nilsen 12, B Karger 11); Hackney 27 (S Wigg 10)

GOLF

PHOENIX: Phoenix Classic women's tournament: Third round: (US unless stated): 210: D Chen Soon (Taiwan), 70,74,70,76. 217: D Mackay (Aus), 72,70,71,86. 283: M Sodine (Phil), 73,69,72,69; S Spence (US), 71,72,73,67. 284: C Chon Hsing (Taiwan), 72,71,72,69; L Jacobs (US), 68,76,70,70; Chen Soon (Taiwan), 70,74,70,70; C McClellan (US), 69,73,71,71; C Liang Hsi (Taiwan), 70,68,74,72. P McWhinney (Aust), 68,78,73,74. 285: J Hart (US), 74,69,73,69; F Arnebrosdt (Swe), 72,70,74,69; D Tentle (US), 70,73,70,72. 286: D McMillan (US), 70,69,73,74; M Stanley (US), 71,71,72,72; G Conley (US), 70,73,75,66.

GYMNASTICS

MOSCOW: Moscow News international team-tournament: 1, V Lyukin (USSR), 58.3pts; 2, V Nomilov (USSR), 57.8; 3, R Adayev (USSR), 57.65. British placing: 36, D Simpson, 54.05.

HALF MARATHON

ADIDAS MARS WILMSLOW: Men: G Forster (Sunderland Harriers), 64.58; 2, R Brewster (Clayton Le Moors), 65.01; 3, D Hill (Sunderland Harriers), 65.06. Women: 1, B Cardy (Bromsgrove), 75.31; 2, C Harlan (Bolton Harriers), 77.41; 3, Z Marchant (City of Bath), 80.41. Team: Men: Manchester Harriers. Women: Stockport Harriers.

WANTAGE: 1, S Cowles (Oxford City), 70min (Aiser, 2, G Bath (Salisbury), 70.50; 3, C Peany (Evesham), 71.39. Team: 1, Woodstock, 26pts, 2, White Horse, 47; 3, Kidlington, 60. Women: L Pile (Stragglers), 1.28.25.

HOCKEY

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Quarter-finals: Leicester Westleigh 0, Hounslow 1, Olton and West Warwick 0, Slough 6; Southgate 2, Weston 1; Teddington 3, Indian Gymkhana 2.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 0, Guildford 1. League: Dulwich 2, Spencer 2; Hampstead 2, Kingston 2; Surrey 0; Weybridge Hawks 1, Tulse Hill 3; Wimbledon 1, Reading 5.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 2, Bishop's Stortford 2; Wanstead 1, Old Loughtonians 4.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Plymouth 0, Isca 0 (Isca regain championship): CS Beth Buccaneers 0, Pinebrooks 2.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians 1, Oxford Hawks 1; (Abandoned: Bognor 2, Lyons 3; Chichester 2, Cors Court 3; Farnham 2, Thorpe 2; Old Tauntonians 0, Havant 3; Reglowate: Hampshire/Surrey: Hamble OB 1, Merton 3; Kent/Sussex: South Saxons 2, Marden Russets 3; Middx/Berks/

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Janet Crumbie



Needing a roof over his head: The Eleventh Hour looks at the desperate plight of the homeless in Britain today (Ch4, 10.55pm)

Horrors for the homeless

● To walk through the doors of most hostels for the homeless in Britain is to leave behind 20th-century standards of hygiene, safety and human dignity. **The Eleventh Hour: Homeless** (Channel 4, 10.55pm) interviews the homeless of Edinburgh and dispels the myth that many are helpless cases: destitution is often a result of misfortune. The various and often appalling stages of shelter for the homeless are shown, from seedy dormitories and Dickensian hostels run for profit by rule of fist, to the enlightened Bowfoot Project, which offers lodgers privacy and a pride in their surroundings, a policy that greatly reduces problems of drink and violence.

● From actual to psychological homelessness in **No Exit — The Jewish Refuseniks** (Channel 4, 11.55pm): we learn here of the separateness of the Jews in Russia, of their increased persecution despite the apparent new openness of the present government, and of the trap in which those applying for exit visas, as is their right, find themselves. Their careers are blocked, jobs are sometimes lost, work then becomes impossible to find and prosecution follows for not working. This programme is an unusual and intrepid achievement because it was filmed secretly in Russia on tourist video cameras. Questions by Bernard Levin, filmed in London, were smuggled into Russia and shown to refuseniks whose answers were then filmed and smuggled out.

● The stuff of nightmares: a man looks in the mirror and can't recognize himself. **Horizon** examines visual agnosia, a rare and extremely frustrating handicap that doesn't allow one to "read" what one sees, which reduces the whole of life to a hopeless guessing game in which one's own wife can go unrecognized. The programme rather labours to establish the parameters of the disability where it might have more usefully illustrated its effects. The victims, it should be said, cope with remarkable cheer, patience and fortitude (BBC2, 8.10pm).

● The radio choice is **This Week's Composer** (Radio 3, 9.10pm), Zdenek Fibich who with Smetana and Dvorak forms what has been called the holy trinity of Czech music.

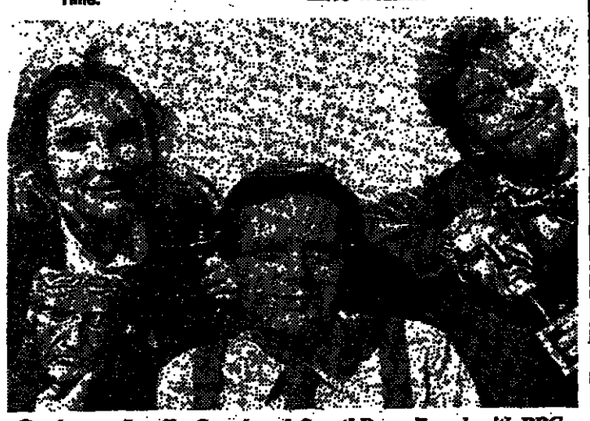
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A family with no hope of escape: Katya Yusefovich with Ariel, 4, and Iliana,8, in No Exit — The Jewish Refuseniks (Ch4, 11.55pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 Watchdog. Consumer complaints investigated. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05** Day to Day. With Robert Kilroy-Silk. **9.45** Parent Programme. Is buying a puppy for a child a good idea?
10.00 News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. With Phillip Schofield. **10.30** Play School. (r) **10.50** Paddington. (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Alan Bennett with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** Gardeners' World. (r) **11.35** Open Air. Programme makers meet their critics. Includes news and weather at 12.00
12.20 The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25** Neighbours. Joan makes a decision about her future that seems to affect all Ramsey Street. **1.50** Hokey Cokey. (r)
2.05 Evita Peron. Episode one of a two-part dramatization of the life of one of the most powerful women of the century. Starring Faye Dunaway as Evita and James Farentino as Juan Peron. (r) **3.40** Off the Record. Adrian Edmondson's record collection. (r)
3.50 Postman Pat. (r) **4.10** The Hunter. (r) **4.15** Bananaman. (r) **4.20** Jackanory. **4.30** The Mysterious Cities of Gold. Animated adventure series.
4.55 John Craven's Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter. (Ceefax) **5.35** Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. The guests are Ian Botham, Terry Jones, and Malcolm Turnbull. Plus, two of the Song for Europe contenders.
7.35 Head of the Class. American comedy series starring Howard Hesseman as the teacher of a gifted class of pupils who have no social graces.
8.00 The Uncrowned Jewels. A close up of the late Duchess of Windsor's collection of jewels which are to be auctioned in Geneva on Thursday.
8.30 Don't Wait Up. Comedy series starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as father and son medical men. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Panorama: Brent Schools - Hard Left Rules. Despite Neil Kinnock's admonition of hard left councils and the harm they are doing to the Labour Party's chances at the next election, the London Borough of Brent, who recently suspended a head teacher for an allegedly racist remark, is still pursuing its radical policies. A report from John Ware.
10.10 Film: Attack Force Z (1981) starring Mel Gibson and Sam Neil. Second World War drama about the attempt to rescue survivors of a plane that crashed on an occupied Japanese island. Directed by Tim Burstall.
11.40 Tinniswood's North Country. Peter Tinniswood with an unusual look at the changes that have taken place in his native North Country during the past 25 years. (first shown on BBC Leeds)
12.10 Weather.



Comic cuts: Jennifer Saunders, left, and Dawn French with BBC TV boss Michael Grade in French and Saunders (BBC2, 9.00pm)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Maths - 'Real' Exponential Functions. Ends at **7.20**.
8.55 The Week in the Lords. (r)
9.38 Daytime on Two: belonging to a union **10.00** For four- and five-year-olds **10.15** Music: part five of Hary Janos **10.38** The wood ant and the honey bee **11.00** Paul Goia, in Canada, investigates totem poles and beavers **11.22** Walrus **11.45** Tutorial Topics - Teachers and Clothes.
12.08 An Italian version of last week's programme, The Bride of Calabria **12.40** Part two of the Horizon programme assessing the worth of aggression **1.05** Micro Live **1.38** Economics: The Right Price? **2.00** News and weather **2.02** The Tale of the Turnip **2.17** A history of country holidays.
2.35 See Hear. (r)
3.00 News and weather.
3.03 The Ascent of Man. The 13th and last part of Dr Bronowski's exploration of the history of mankind. (r)
3.50 News, regional news, and weather.
4.00 Pamela Armstrong.
4.35 Wild World. The wildlife of Sennelager, a heath in Germany used as a Nato training ground. (r)
5.05 My Music. (r)
5.30 Did You See..? An abridged version of yesterday's programme which included comment on Intimate Contact and The Last Resort.
6.00 Film: Uptown Saturday Night (1974) starring Sidney Poitier, Bill Cosby, Harry Belafonte, and Richard Pryor. Comedy about a taxi driver and his friend who are victims when a gang raid a gambling club and rob the clientele of their belongings which, in the friend's case, includes a winning lottery ticket. Distrusting the police, they decide to get the ticket back their own way. Directed by Sidney Poitier.
7.40 Open Space: Lucifer over Lancashire. The Rev Kevin Logan of Accrington is alarmed by the increase of witchcraft in his area.
8.10 Horizon: Broken Images. The plight of John and Larry who both suffer from visual agnosia. (see Choice)
9.00 French and Saunders. Delightful comedy series starring Dawn and Jennifer, supported by Betty Marsden and Raw Sex.
9.30 Moonlighting. Maddie decides to find out the truth about her partner's ex-wife.
11.20 Hello Mum. The last in the series of live comedy shows.
10.50 Newsnight includes a report from Charles Wheeler on Mrs Thatcher's visit to Russia **11.35** Weather.
11.40 Telejournal. A newscast from France's latest television station, M6.
12.05 Open University: What is Music? Ends at **12.35**.

ITV LONDON

6.15 TV-am presented by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at **8.35**. After Nine includes Babytalk, and, at **9.17**, exercises with Lizzie Webb.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: a film to stimulate creative work **9.47** How water is collected, stored, and processed for use **9.59** Hazel Townson's story, Present Time **10.11** The habitats of butterflies and moths **10.28** Young people on a TVEI scheme **10.45** German for 13- to 15-year-olds **11.07** Simple mathematical concepts **11.19** Searching for life on a planet **11.41** Making a video.
12.00 Flicks. Christopher Lillicrap with the story of The Hat. (r) **12.10** Let's Pretend to the tale of The Thirsty Sponge.
12.30 Doctors and Patients. The caring relationships between doctors and their patients at Park Attwood Therapeutic Centre where the aim is not only to cure patients but to help them achieve something meaningful from their experiences of being ill.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames news.
1.30 Film: Our Miss Fred (1972) starring Danny La Rue and Alfred Marks. Comedy about a soldier, performing as a woman in a camp concert, who is captured by the Germans. Directed by Bob Kellett. **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** The Young Doctors. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children. **4.10** Battlik. (r) **4.20** How Dare You! Slapstick comedy series **4.35** Roadrunner.
4.45 Dramarama: Cannondrum, by Nigel Baldwin. Strange goings-on occur in the breakers yard. Starring Bill Stewart, Shirin Taylor, and David Doyle. **5.15** Knight Rider. Part one of a story about a boxer tormented over the death of a man he fought.
5.45 News **6.00** Thames news.
6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with community action news.
6.35 Crossroads. Jill waits anxiously for news of Diane.
7.00 Watching You Watching Us. The first of a new series in which viewers are videoed as they watch the box. Presented by Julian Pettifer.
7.30 Coronation Street. Ken Barlow faces a big decision. (Oracle)
8.00 World in Action Special: Westland - Behind Closed Doors. An investigative documentary of the events, reconstructed by actors, that went on behind the scenes during the Westland affair.
9.00 Intimate Contact. The final episode of the drama serial and as Clive faces death, Ruth must make the decision whether or not to return to her old friends or stay with the bew who need her more. Starring Claire Bloom and Daniel Massey. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten and weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 The New Avengers. Steed, Purdey, and Gambit, do battle with The Fox. (r)
11.30 Promises and Piecrust includes Sir Keith Joseph talking about his hopes and fears for education.
12.00 Hammer House of Horror: The Two Faces of Evil. A family gives a lift to a sinister hitchhiker. Starring Anna Calder-Marshall and Gary Raymond. (r)
12.55 Night Thoughts.



Cabinet crisis: Peter Sands and David Belcher, back, with Jane Briers and Malcolm Terris in World in Action Special (ITV, 8.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.30 The Late Late Show. Dublin's chat and music show.
3.30 Generations. The second subject in this series of interviews with Irishwomen from all walks of life, is Gloria Hunniford. She talks to lawyer and journalist, Paulyn Marrinan.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson in conversation with best-selling American author, Robert B Parker and his wife, Joan.
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Sue Duncalf from Prestatyn. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley.
5.00 Hogan's Heroes. Vintage American comedy series about a group of resourceful Allied prisoners-of-war who make life awkward for their German captors.
5.30 The Abbott and Costello Show". Bud and Lou, about to be evicted from their apartment for non-payment of rent, convince their landlord that Lou is the sole heir of a millionaire uncle.
6.00 A Class Divided. Fifteen years ago a teacher in Iowa began to divide her class into blue-eyed and brown-eyed children to illustrate how ethnic minorities are treated in the United States. The class, at a reunion, discuss how this affected their lives. The documentary also shows inmates of Iowa's prisons being given the same lesson.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Christabel King includes a report from Nik Gowing on Mrs Thatcher's meeting with Mikhail Gorbachov.
7.50 Comment followed by Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Pat and Terry publicly denounce Paul for spying.
8.30 Chateauvallon - Fortune and Power. Part ten of the French drama series about two rival families living in the same Loire Valley town.
9.30 Rude Health. Comedy series starring John Wells, John Bett, and Paul Mari, as three doctors in a small town surgery.
10.00 Hill Street Blues. Furillo faces trouble when he arrests a conniving old woman for the murder of a thief and discover she is the mother of an antagonistic city councillor.
10.55 The Eleventh Hour: Homeless. The first of a three-part documentary examining the plight of the homeless in Britain today. (see Choice)
11.55 No Exit - The Jewish Refuseniks, presented by Bernard Levin. A documentary in which Moscow refusniks, secretly filmed over the past few weeks, talk frankly about their plight.
12.30 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.45**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES **5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Indoor Bowls **12.00-12.40am** Rugby Special **12.40-12.45** News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND **5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Up Front **12.00-12.05am** News and weather. ENGLAND **6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: On the Right Track **3.15-3.30** Cartoon **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** About Anglia **6.30-7.00** Survival **10.30** Anglia Reports **11.00** Promises and Piecrust **11.30** Sweeney **12.30am** I Shall Always Remember. Close-down.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: The Move Murderer **3.30-4.30** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.30-11.30** Jessie **12.00** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Isle of Secret Passion **5.15-5.45** Pass the Buck **6.00-6.35** Nearly Neighbours **11.00** Promises and Piecrust **11.30** New Avengers **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Close-down.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Home Cookery **1.35-3.30** Film: A Touch of Love **5.15-5.45** Sons & Daughters **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Frocks on the Box **10.30-11.30** Sweeney **12.00** Prizewinners **12.30am** Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** Scramble **2.00** Film: Pit of Darkness **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** Show Me **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Scramble **10.30** State of the Region **11.00** Film: Scars of Dracula **12.40am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Funeral in Berlin **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** The Year Was 1979 **11.00** Film: Every Home Should Have One **12.45** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **9.30am-9.45** Looking Forward **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30-11.00** Mary.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Live at One-Thirty **2.00** Film: What Changed Charley Farthing? **3.45-4.00** Trang Trang **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Scotland's Story **10.30-11.30** Hammer House of Horror **12.00** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Father Figure **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West **6.30-7.00** Emmerdale Farm **10.32** T J Hooker **11.25** Bless in Concert **11.55** Kit Curran **12.25am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Home Cookery **1.35-3.30** Film: Touch of Love **5.15-5.45** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Frocks on the Box **10.30-11.30** Sweeney **12.00** Prizewinners **12.30am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Wholly Moses! **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits **10.32** Jessie **12.00** A Soldier's Qualities, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Lunchtime **1.30** Film: Thunder Bay **3.20** Cartoon **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.30-7.00** Spellbound **10.30** From Stone to Stone **11.00** Mysteries of Edgar Wallace" **12.00** News. Close-down.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30** Film: Gentleman Bandit **3.20** Home Cookery **3.25** News **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Sounds Good **10.30** Calendar Commentary **11.00** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.55** Kit Curran **12.25am** Jobfinder **1.25** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Ysgolion **11.50** Interval **12.00** Film: Much Too Shy" **1.45** Hand in Hand **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Late Late Show **3.30** All Stitched Up **4.05** Llunau Dydd Llun **4.20** Kathy **4.45** Chwarter Call **5.00** Car 54, Where Are You?" **5.30** World at War **6.20** Mavis on 4 **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Arlunwyr **8.00** Y Byd ar Bedwar **8.30** Drannoeth y Flair **9.00** Relative Strangers **9.30** Cheers **10.00** Looking at Listening **11.15** Chateauvallon **12.15am** Closedown.

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12** midnight
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Andy Peebles **12.30pm** Newsbeat **11.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Bruno Brookes **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Simon Mayo **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2 **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF
News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30.** Sports Desks **6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45, 9.55.** Sports Round-up **8.50am.** Crime Check bulletins **7.15am, 10.15, 1.15 4.15** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young, incl Home Secretary Douglas Hurd answering listeners' questions **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Alvin Stardust **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band Special (BBC Big Band) **9.00** Jazz on Record **10.00** Monday Movie Hour **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Charles Nove **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk **6.30** Questions of Faith **7.00** News **7.30** Jude the Obscure **8.00** World News **8.05** Reflections **8.15** A Night to Remember **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial News followed by Look Ahead **9.45** Peebles's Choice **10.00** News **10.01** Questions of Faith (until 10.30) **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Catch the Wind **11.30** Album Time **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Hoax **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours: News **1.30** Just a Little Of Tune **2.00** Outlook, opening with News **2.45** Hotel du Lac **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Questions of Faith **3.45** Kings of Swing **4.00** News **4.05** Commentary (until 4.15) **7.00** Outlook **7.30** Stock Market Report **7.45** Peebles's Choice **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours: News **8.30** Sports International **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Performing Early Music **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Here's Health! **11.30** Multitrack 1 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Just a Little Of Tune **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Short Story **1.45** Here's Health! **2.00** News **2.03** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today (until 3.30) **4.45** Reflections **5.00** Financial News **5.09** News **5.20** Twenty-Four Hours (until 5.30).

Radio 3

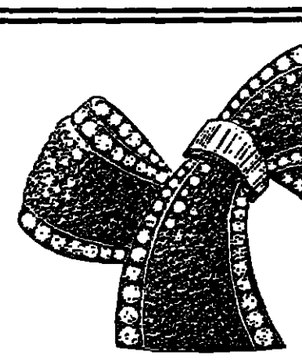
6.35 Open University (vhf only).
6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert. Dvorak, Prague Waltzes (Detroit SO under Dorati); Schumann, Cello Concerto in A minor (Lynn Harrell, Cleveland Orch under Marriner); Liszt, Symphonic poem: Mazeppa (Berlin PO under Karajan).
8.00 News
8.05 Rossini, Overture: Torvaldo e Dorliska (National PO under Riccardo Chailly); Scarlatti, Sonata in B minor (Kk 87) (Horowitz, piano); Haydn, Trumpet Concerto in E flat (Maurice André, Philharmonia under Muti); Mozart, Symphony No 29 in A (K 201) (Academy of St Martin-in-the-fields).
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer. Zdenek Fibich, Poème (Jan Kubelik, violin, Alfred Holecek, piano); Piano Trio in F minor (New Prague Trio); Melodrame: Christmas Eve, Op 9 (Prague SO under Vaclav Smetacek); Symphonic poem: Zaboj, Slavoj and Ludek, Op 37 (Prague SO under Vladimir Valek).
10.10 Margaret Price, soprano. Mozart, Non più, tutto ascoltai (K 490) (Dennis Simons, violin, LPO under James Lockhart); Berg, Altenberg Lieder, Op 4 (LSO under Abbado); Mozart, Nehmt meinen Dank (K 383) (LPO under Lockhart).
10.40 Beethoven, String Quartet in C major, Op 59 No 3 (Alban Berg Quartet).
11.15 The Operatic Oboe. Nicholas Daniel, oboe, Julius Drake, piano. Donizetti, Sonata in F; Henri Brod, Fantasia on themes from Lucia di Lammermoor; Rossini, Moment musical; Andante; Chopin, Variations on a theme of Rossini; Rimsky-Korsakov, Hymn to the sun; Flight of the bumble bee.
11.55 Cho-Liang Lin, violin, BBC Scottish SO under Jiri Starek: Beethoven, Overture: Leonora No 3; Mozart, Violin Concerto No 5 in A (K 219); Milhaud, Suite provençale.
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert. Malcolm Binns, piano: Franck, Prélude, aria et finale; Debussy, Children's Corner; L'Isle joyeuse; Fauré, Nocturne in B, Op 33 No 2.
2.00 Music Weekly
2.45 New Records. Charpentier, Concert pour quatre parties de violes (London Baroque under Charles Medlam); Campra, Cantata: Arion (Jill Feldman, soprano, Arts Florissants under William Christie); Vivaldi, Concerto in G (RV 301) (La stravaganza) (Monica Huggett, violin, Academy of Ancient Music); Henry Purcell, Ode on St Cecilia's Day, 1692 (Taverner Choir, Players under Andrew Parrott); Daniel Purcell, Sonata in F (Hans Martin Linde, recorder, Pere Ros, gamba, Rudolf Schaidegger, harpsichord); Heinrich Bach, Cantata: Ich danke dir, Gott (Rheinische Kantorei Musica Antiqua, Cologne under Reinhard Goebel); Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, Concerto in E flat (Andreas Staier, Robert Hill, harpsichords, Musica Antiqua, Cologne under Goebel).
5.00 World Service News.
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure. **5.55** News
7.00 Music for Organ played by John Bishop. Bach, Gott heiliger Geist (BWV 671); Christ, unser Herr; Fugue in E flat; Karg-Elert, O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op 65 No 21; Kenneth Leighton, Et resurrexit.
7.45 BBC Welsh SO under Antoni Wit. Wojciech Kilar, Krzesany; Krzysztof Meyer, Symphony No 6.
9.00 Interpretations on Record: Stravinsky's Petrushka.
10.00 Jazz Today
11.00 Schumann Chamber Music. Fairy-Tale Pictures, Op 113 (Gerard Caussé, viola, Jean Hubeau, piano); Piano Trio No 3 in G minor, Op 110 (Beaux Arts Trio); Adagio and Allegro in A flat, Op 70 (Dennis Brain, horn, Gerald Moore, piano).
11.57 News

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather; Travel **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.35 The Week on 4. A look ahead with Bryan Martin.
8.43 Phil Smith scours the Sound Archives in search of past news that is relevant today. **8.57** Weather: Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Start The Week, with Richard Baker.
10.00 News; Money Box. Louise Botting with listeners' questions about personal finance.
10.30 Morning Story. Nothing Went Right, by Brendan O'Byrne, read by Hugh Dickson.
10.45 Daily Service from Wesley Hall, Blackburn (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way. Brian Johnston visits Newtown in Powys.
11.48 Poetry Please! Listeners' requests presented by Alan Brownjohn.
12.00 News; You and Yours Special. Should our schools adopt the Continental system of an early start and an early finish to the school day? Jenni Mills looks at the scheme's implications for parents, teachers and pupils here.
12.27 Molesworth by Simon Brett. 2: The Office (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One. News
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a teacher — just for a day? Anna Grayson reports.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: Helbeck of Bannisdale, by Mrs Humphry Ward (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Based on Fact. David Wheeler presents a report on historical drama — how successful is it? And why do writers choose factual stories?
5.00 PM. News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Weather
6.30 The News Quiz (s). Barry Took tests the memories of Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren, John Wells and Jeffrey Archer.
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 M1 Memories. We've had motorways for over a quarter of a century now. Christopher Pick has been talking to some of those involved in building the first one, who also reflect on how motorways have progressed since then.
7.45 Science Now. Into the Heart of Quasars. Peter Evans reports from Jodrell Bank in Cheshire, where radio astronomers share the data from their telescopes which may be thousands of miles apart.
8.15 The Monday Play. On Detachment, by David Wade. Private Ferguson finds himself thrust abruptly into adult life when he embarks on his National Service (s).
9.45 Kaleidoscope with Paul Vaughan
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Victory by Joseph Conrad (5) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** The Music Makers (s) **11.20** Let's Move (s) **11.40** The Music Box (s) **11.50** See For Yourself **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Playtime (s) **2.20** Science Scope (s) **2.40** Pictures in Your Mind **5.50-5.55 PM** (continued) **11.30** Open University. **11.30** Hume's The Enquiry **11.50** Melodrama **12.10am** Musical Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night Time Broadcasting. RSC in Repertoire **12.30** 1: Romeo and Juliet **12.50** 2: Macbeth.

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Hoddle joined by Adams on list of England injuries

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The managers of England and Northern Ireland, as they prepare for the European championship tie in Belfast on Wednesday night, have each lost leading influences. Bobby Robson is hardest hit being without the creativity of Hoddle, as well as Adams in defence, and Billy Bingham will be without Clarke, his most potent forward.

Hoddle was withdrawn from the England squad after Tottenham Hotspur's defeat at Luton Town on Saturday. In aggravating a troublesome groin injury, he has broken his longest run of consecutive appearances in a inconsistent international career. The sequence of 16 matches opened in Israel more than a year ago.

During the World Cup finals last summer, and particularly in England's darkest hour against Morocco, if not later against Argentina, Hoddle confirmed that he had a right to a permanent place in the national side. His form for his club this season had deepened the admiration of Robson. England's manager recently said that Hoddle was "playing the best football of his career." Yet, even though he has improved the physical defensive side of his game, he might not have relished the aggression that is sure to be a strong feature of the match.

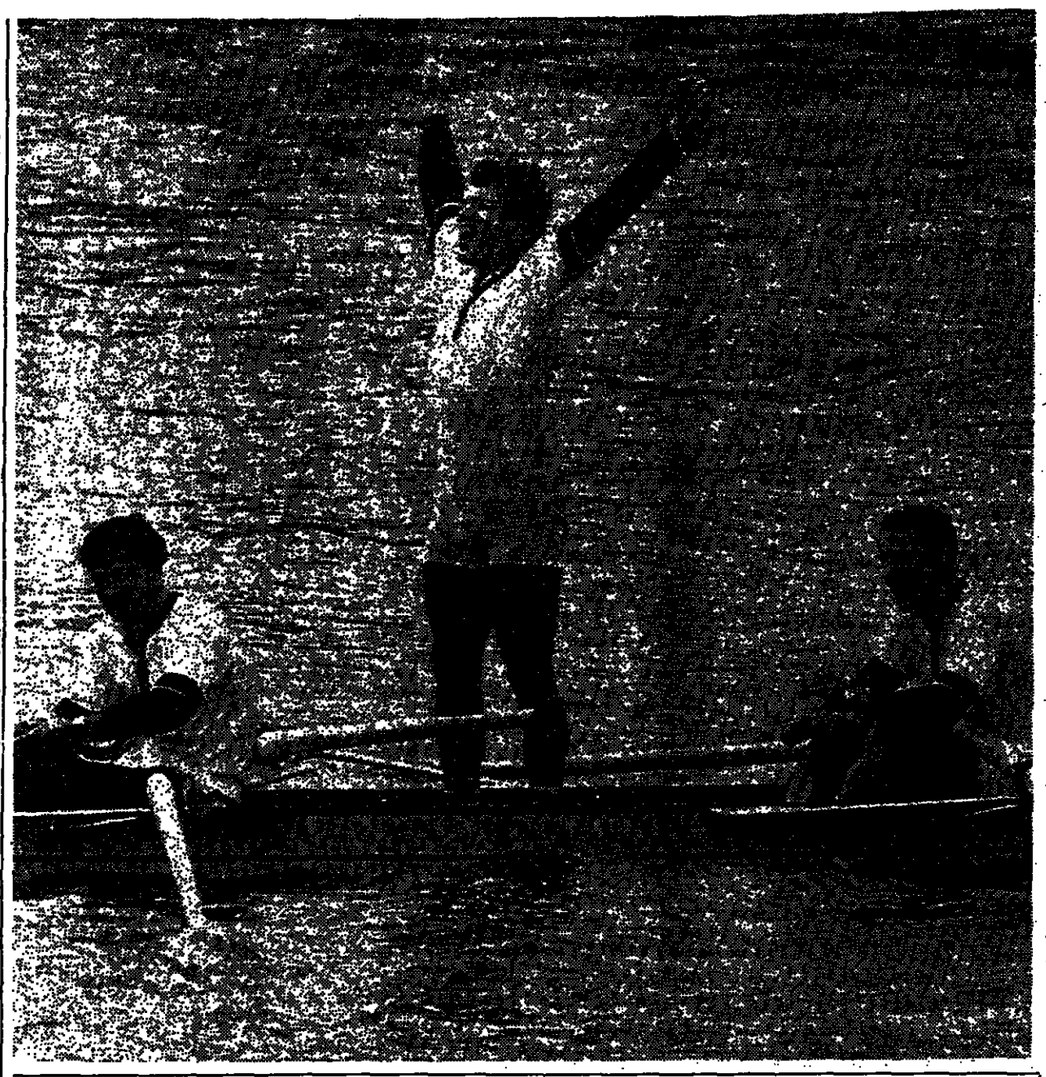
Robson, who had been in a position to select the same side for only the fourth time in five years, is forced to make two changes to the line-up that won 4-2 in Spain last month. His list of midfield choices, which includes Steven, of Everton, is further restricted by the absence of Webb.

Robson, who is considering whether to call up Reid, of Everton, did make inquiries about Hill, of Luton, but found that he too had been injured during the same game. Wilkins, if he had been included in the original squad, would have been the most logical understudy to act as the midfield partner to Bryan Robson, his former Manchester United colleague. Nor is there natural cover for Waddle, who stretches the attack on either flank, since Barnes has also been withdrawn.

Adams, who made a satisfactory debut in Madrid has been receiving anti-biotics for a sinus complaint that would have been exacerbated during the brief flight to Belfast. He would have been rested by Arsenal on Saturday had another experienced central defender been available. Wright is expected to regain his place.

Bingham, who was expected to choose a fresh Irish forward line, was aware that Clarke had been pulled out of his party earlier in the week. Yesterday he discovered that Quinn, the probable replacement from Swindon Town, mayno longer be considered as a foil for Wilson.

Quinn injured a foot during the warm-up at Wigan Athletic on Saturday. Campbell, loaned by Nottingham Forest to their County neighbours, has been summoned, as has McCoy, of Coleraine, to replace Sanchez. Whiteside, who stayed in Manchester for treatment on a strained thigh, is to travel to join the party tomorrow.



Liverpool face daunting task as Lawrenson is ruled out

By Ian Ross

Liverpool's Republic of Ireland international defender, Lawrenson, will not play again this season. He underwent an operation to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon on Saturday evening after falling awkwardly during the game against Wimbledon at Anfield.

His injury will have a major affect on both club and country, as he would undoubtedly have played a key role in both the Republic's European championship qualifier in Bulgaria on Wednesday night and in Liverpool's Littlewoods Cup final against Arsenal at Wembley on Sunday.

"He is obviously going to be bitterly disappointed. He just fell — there was no one near him at the time. Injuries are part and parcel of football. We must accept that and carry on," said Dalglish, the Liverpool manager.

Lawrenson's absence could have a vital bearing on Sunday's final as it means Liverpool's attempt to win the competition for the fifth time in seven years will be undertaken without three of their recognised defensive quartet. With the international full backs, Nicol and Beglin, still unavailable after injuries Dalglish will be forced to instigate another reshuffle.

He is fortunate that in Gillespie he has an efficient replacement centre back partner for Hansen, but with Molby and Walsh also missing the weekend fixture and giving cause for concern, Dalglish will face a week of uncertainty.

Saturday's defeat at the hands of Wimbledon, coupled with Everton's win over Arsenal at Highbury, means there is now just three points separating the two Merseyside teams.

However, while Liverpool remain favourites to retain the championship, Everton, on paper at least, would appear to have the easier run-in. Six of Everton's remaining nine fixtures are at Goodison Park where they have lost just once, to Arsenal, in the league so far this season.

Three of those games are against sides currently fighting to avoid relegation — Newcastle United, Manchester City and Aston Villa.

Liverpool will play only three of their remaining seven games at Anfield and face the prospect of trips to Manchester United, Chelsea, Norwich City and the FA Cup semi-finalists, Coventry City.

The final outcome seems likely to be decided on April 25 when Liverpool face Everton on their own soil. The significance of the contrasting weekend results was not lost on Dalglish or his Everton counterpart, Kendall.

"We didn't deserve anything. Wimbledon out-fought us and, most of the time, out-thought us. That is not good enough. It is no excuse to say there are internationals and Wembley coming up. We have lost our last two games but we will still be in there at the death," said Dalglish.

Remaining fixtures

LIVERPOOL: Norwich City (away), Nottingham Forest (home), Manchester United (away), Everton (home), Coventry City (away), Watford (home), Chelsea (away).
EVERTON: Chelsea (away), West Ham United (home), Aston Villa (home), Newcastle United (home), Liverpool (away), Manchester City (home), Norwich City (away), Luton Town (home), Tottenham Hotspur (home).

Like old times for Blackburn

Blackburn Rovers..... 1
Charlton Athletic..... 0

The terraces of Wembley were awash with the proud sons and fathers of Lancashire. A few mothers, too, celebrating Mothering Sunday with a footballing away-day to London. They descended from the hills of Accrington, Ormskirk and Great Harewood by the coach-load and basked in the sunshine and space of a halffull Members Cup final.

No doubt one or two sons were reminded of the last time Rovers were at Wembley 27 years ago, though not too proudly they lost 3-0 to Wolves. But what, I wonder, will the next generation of fathers tell their sons about this final?

"Dad, when did Rovers last win the cup?"

"1987, son."

"Who did we beat?"

"Some southern folk — Charlton, I think."

"Were you there dad?"

"Wouldn't have missed it for the world."

With any luck, little Albert will then get carried off to bed to dream of Rovers' next visit to Wembley, forgetting the ask the crunch question. Which cup?

"Ah well, you see Albert, it wasn't quite *the* cup nor even the other cup, it was the Full Members Cup." "The what?"

This cup sits a little uneasily on Rovers' proud cup tradition but when you've not won any cup at Wembley for 59 years, it will do. And the celebrations at the end were worthy of any cup final, even if the match was not. Indeed, one or two fathers might be hard-pressed to remember much of it. Charlton, no strangers to Wembley themselves in the 1940s, could not shake off their current relegation worries, although they had the better chances of a match notable more for the efficiency with which both sides played the offside trap than the quality of their football, but they found Vince O'Keefe in the Blackburn goal as solid as a Lancashire mill.

But just in case little Albert should ask. Colin Hendry, a £30,000 buy from Dundee who is usually a centre-half but was playing centre-forward, scored the winning goal for Blackburn

De Savary is back in the hunt

By Malcolm McKeag

Britain's plans for the 1990 America's Cup are beginning to emerge. Two declared runners are BACC, the Graham Walker-led group which competed last year in Australia, and former Victory boss Peter de Savary, who has already signed up Chris Law as project leader. In addition the name Richard Branson and the sum £12 million are frequently being mentioned in informed circles as more than just mildly interested.

Firmest plans are those of British America's Cup challenges, whose chairman Graham Walker, said yesterday "We see ourselves as being two years into a six-year programme. We very much want to finish a job as yet unfinished."

BACC's Cup contender White Crusader last week arrived in Sardinia to make ready for the Twelve Metre world championship to be held in June, where she will be skippered by Phil Crebbin, BACC's technical director. Crebbin will be joined by Derek Clarke, the Briton who was tactician aboard Kookaburra in the America's Cup final, and by American Gary Jobson.

For the worlds, the yacht will be called White Horse and be sponsored jointly by White Horse Whisky and city stockbrokers James Capel.

Fleet record

Steve Jones broke the course record by 56 seconds in winning the Fleet half marathon yesterday in 62min 54sec, auguring well for his Boston marathon chances on April 20 (Pat Butcher writes). Jones climaxes his Boston preparations with the AAA 10km road championship in Hemel Hempstead next Saturday.

Graeme Paine, of Basildon, was second at Fleet and Martin McCarthy, of Oxford, third.

The game suffering from the failure of the big names

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Ponte Vedra, Florida

The changing face of American golf was illustrated once again here yesterday as Sandy Lyle battled alongside the relatively unknown Paul Azinger and Jeff Sluman for the £112,000 first prize in the Tournament Players Championship.

What worries many American observers is not so much the unfamiliar look about today's leader boards but the knowledge that the once dominant golfers such as Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, and Tom Watson are increasingly beating a hasty retreat.

Nicklaus left the scene, unable to repair the faults in his swing for his US Masters defence starting on Thursday week while Trevino missed the half way cut for a third successive time and Watson failed for the eighth time this season to rediscover his touch on the greens.

So, once again, spectators were denied the mouth watering prospect of a Nicklaus or a Watson charge from out of the pack.

Even the likes of Tway, the US PGA champion tipped as the likeliest new star on the American horizon, Payne Stewart, Johnny Miller, Lanny Wadkins, Craig Stadler and theUS Open champion, Raymond Floyd, failed to negotiate the opening two rounds.

It represented a catastrophic loss for a tournament which, although not trumpeted by the US PGA tour as the fifth "major", is most certainly recognised as exactly that by the American players.

Instead, the 31-year-old Scott Simpson, winner of only one tournament in the last six years, shared the lead with Mark O'Meara as final round unfolded on the Tournament Players course. Simpson's three successive rounds in the 60s for a 14-under-par score of 202 reflected a change in fortune while O'Meara emerged following an indifferent sequence of results.

A 66 on Saturday in the rain-delayed third round had taken Lyle — another who has yet to establish himself here — into a challenging position while Brown's 69 once again mirrored his determination. He had taken three putts at the short 17th and it seemed likely that he would drop at least two more shots when, at the 18th, he drove into the water. But Brown then struck a superb three wood approach to within 18 inches of the hole to salvage his par and complete a 69.

THIRD ROUND LEADING SCORES: (US unless stated): 202: S Simpson 69, 65, 68; M O'Meara 68, 65, 69. 204: S Lyle (GB) 67, 71, 66; B Crenshaw 70, 68, 66. 205: J Sluman 70, 66, 69. 206: P Azinger 68, 70, 68; W Glasson 69, 69, 68; G Norman 67, 68, 71. 207: N Price (SA) 71, 68, 68. 208: T Purtzer 69, 67, 72. 209: C Perry 68, 71, 70; T Nakajima (Jap) 69, 70, 70; M McCumber 69, 71, 69; S Jones 68, 67, 75; L Mize 70, 70, 68; T Kite 72, 70, 67; D Pohl 68, 66, 75. Top European scores: 211: K Brown (GB) 71, 71, 69. 214: B Langer (WG) 72, 71, 71. 218: S Ballesteros (Sp) 70, 69, 77.

First victory to Mamola

From Michael Scott, Suzuka

Randy Mamola took a convincing victory in the opening grand prix of the world championship season in Japan yesterday, while many other riders saw their chances slither away in steady rain on the difficult Suzuka circuit.

Wayne Gardner, of Australia, was lucky to inherit second place on his Rothmans-Honda after Mamola's Yamaha team-mate, Mike Baldwin, slid off while comfortably ahead.

But it was British riders who seized the opportunity for spectacular misfortune. Ron Haslam (Elf-Honda) crashed while defending fourth place on the penultimate lap; then the practice leader, Niall Mackenzie (HB-Honda), threw away a secure third by sliding off less than half a lap from the finish. "I didn't realize Ron had crashed and I had speeded up to stay ahead of him," he said. Haslam remounted to finish fifth.

An unexpected third place went to the Japanese rider, Takumi Ito, giving the new V4 Suzuki its grand prix debut.

Roger Burnett, the only other Briton to finish in the top ten, was eighth after a steady ride;

Mamola forced his way into the lead on the first lap, and drew rapidly ahead as a fierce battle went on behind. After half distance, the pressure began to tell. The Frenchman, Christian Sarron (Gauloise-Yamaha), slid off on lap 14; the impressive Australian newcomer, Kevin Magee, crashed soon after, as did Syunji Yatsushiro, of Japan, breaking a collar bone.

In the earlier 250cc race, theJapanese rider, Masaru Kobayashi (Honda), led from start to finish. Alan Carter, of Britain, crashed on lap 13, after climbing to third place.

JAPANESE GRAND PRIX: 500cc: 1, R Mamola (US, Yamaha) 57.22.89, 135.896kph; 2, W Gardner (Australia, Honda), 58.05.278; 3, T Ito (Japan, Suzuki), 58.14.183; 4, P Chili (It, Honda), 58.43.242; 5, R Haslam (GB, Honda), 58.45.889; 6, T Taira (Japan, Yamaha) 59.01.569; Fastest lap: R Mamola 2.34.802.

250cc: 1, M Kobayashi (Japan, Honda) 51.15.600, 138.898kmh; 2, S Pons (Spain Honda); 3, R Roth (WG, Honda); 4, N Shiraiu (Japan, Honda); 5, M Wimmer (WG, Yamaha); 6, J Garriga (Spain/Yamaha).

Oxford's win is a triumph for ethics

By David Miller

If Oxford's rebelling imported Americans expected, on their own admission, to find the uplift of *Chariots of Fire* pervading their Boat Race training, they were not to understand that their own presence would directly oppose the mood captured by the Hudson/Puttnam/Welland film. *Chariots* was only secondarily about excellence and achievement, firstly about abstract notions of selflessness, the collective ethic, discipline and amateurism. The gold medallist carried, did he not, a question mark.

The irony of Saturday's historic upset is that the Oxford rebels had to witness precisely that quality of harmony which they themselves had undermined, in their mistaken belief that technical qualities should over-rule all other considerations.

The Boat Race, is not, mercifully, just about being fast. It is a national event, with a vast television audience, because people who know nothing of Oxbridge and could not tell you how from stroke, recognize a collective commitment by 18 mostly anonymous students, along the toughest course in rowing: a non-spectator event which somehow, as Colin Moynihan, Saturday's umpire, says, epitomises sport.

Gish, the one American remaining in the Oxford boat, is an agreeable and articulate post-graduate, and was attempting to reason, after the victory, that what Oxbridge rowing needs is not a clearer distinction in attitude between amateur and professional, but "a more equitable relationship" between president and crew.

Americans have no allegiance

In other words, the president, whose own position — as was Macdonald's — may be in question, should have more open communication with the crew on selection issues.

Yet the fundamental difference between Oxbridge sport and American college sport is that the running of a boat, or team, is not handed over to a full-time coach, the ultimate responsibility resting with the captain. The weakness of the rowing system is that imported foreign internationals have no necessary allegiance to the president whom they did not elect.

Macdonald and Topolski, Oxford's coach, were reluctant to crow about vindication. Topolski said that Oxford, being amateur, were dependent on goodwill and were "not geared to ill-will," but was gracious enough to say that he wished the Americans had still been there. Macdonald said that, win or lose, his speech at the banquet that evening had been going to be the same — that Oxford's performance was a triumph for OUBC.

"The race is about big hearts, not big reputations". That is the concept which the American experts seemingly could not, and can not, comprehend.

Gish agrees that the president/coach should not be overthrown by internal dispute, but he would not clarify whether, in the controversy over the exclusion of Ward and Clark, the oarsmen knew of the reason. I believe they did, and that the mutiny was as much over disapproval of selection as lack of tact by Macdonald/Topolski.

Ticket chaos

Crushed fans were dragged to safety and police fought to restore order after thousands queueing for Littlewoods Cup final tickets broke ranks at Arsenal. The sale at Highbury began after the club's 1-0 defeat by Everton.

Frustration of the under-graduates

In the event, Oxford were critically lucky to win the toss and that when they turned immediately to starboard for the protection of the Fulham bank, Cambridge did not follow them. "We had been praying for rough water," Topoloski said.

Yet Oxford's triumph in adversity should not confuse the central issue remaining over the race's future: post-graduate or under-graduate? Oxford's success may falsely condition Cambridge thinking. Congratulating Topolski afterwards, a Cambridge coach said, perhaps archly: "Now to convince our lot they need post-graduates".

I totally disagree, and so does Moynihan, a former Oxford and Olympic cox. "The present system, importing foreign internationals who have been sponsored, does frustrate under-graduates" he says. "The two clubs should get together *now*, not at the start of next season, and jointly discuss whether it is best for them and for the interests of British rowing to have a more under-graduate race".

Moynihan believes, incidentally, that Topoloski's motivational ability would, indeed, work even more effectively with under-graduates than post-graduate oarsmen.

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McNamara plays the ace

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

There was a lot happening at Bournemouth on Saturday. The place was fairly twitching with temptation for those prepared to put themselves about in pursuit of ball games. The football team were riding high, a world bowls championship was in progress, and the Bournemouth Yamaha Aces — who had lost all four of their previous matches — came back from 2-5 down to beat Croydon Direct Liners 10-5 in the Mortgage Corporation national tennis league.

That last trick was pulled off by Peter McNamara and Jonathan Smith, two battle-wise veterans of Davis Cup competition. Each won his singles. Then they beat Jeremy Bates and Buster Mottram 6-4 (matches last for only one set) in the deciding doubles. The admirable point to note is that McNamara — even for that matter Ivan Lendl or Boris Becker — could not do it on his own. The format ensures that this has to be a team event.

Smith, much the more effective server, beat Robin Drysdale 6-3 in the first match. Smith biffed and bustled his way within a point of a 5-0 lead but then had a fleeting fit of the hiccups. The next two matches went to Croydon. Mottram is semi-retired and his game needs honing. But he won five games at a cost of only six points to recover from 2-5 down and beat Leighton Alfred 7-5. There was much of the old Mottram in his big finish and his preoccupation with shoe-laces.

Another of Britain's former Davis Cup heros, Richard Lewis, produced some formidable services during his 6-2 win over the local professional, Rob Booth, who briefly suggested that he could serve just as well as Lewis. That match left Croydon 5-2 up: too slim a margin to withstand the assault of the Melbourne Cavalry.

The handsome, dashing McNamara is a souped-up jollier version of Clint Eastwood but kills points instead of people. The Australian set about Bates as if the bar was about to close. Bates is good — but one wayward service game enabled McNamara to break through. After that McNamara won three consecutive service games from 0-30 down to win 6-3.

That put Bournemouth a point ahead with two boisterous and smart doubles players to put into the front line for the last battle.

Wilander smart enough

Brussels — Mats Wilander, as keen as his opponent to re-establish himself as a winning force on the Nabisco Grand Prix tour, scored a surprisingly decisive 6-3, 6-4 victory over John McEnroe in the final of the Belgian Open (Richard Evans writes).

Both players had spent long periods of 1986 on self-imposed sabbaticals and this was only the second super series tournament win for Wilander since beating Brod Dyke here last year. McEnroe claimed three in succession on his return to the game last autumn, but has now lost in the final of all three Grand Prix tournaments he has played this year.

"I got a little impatient and kept going for backhands which I thought I should make but didn't," said McEnroe. "But he played a really smart match."

RESULTS: Semi-finals: J McEnroe (US) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-3, 6-2. Finals: M Wilander (Swe) bt J McEnroe (US), 6-3, 6-4.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Scifo going to Inter

Enzo Scifo, Anderlecht's Belgian international midfield player, is set to join the steady flow of stars to Italy and sign for Inter Milan for a fee of $2.7million. Michel Verschueren, Anderlecht manager, said the transfer was all but sealed and that Scifo, whose father is Italian, would sign once the final details were settled.

Inter Milan have also expressed an interest in two other stars of the 1986 World Cup, Lothar Matthaus, of West Germany, and Mexico's Hugo Sanchez, and are expected to sign one or other in the near future.

Kaylor chance

After only one fight as a light heavyweight, Mark Kaylor is given an immediate chance to earn a crack at the British title when he meets Hednesford's Tommy Taylor in a final eliminator at the Royal Albert hall on April 18. Taylor, a 29-year-old former sailor, has won 16 of his 18 professional contests and could provide Kaylor with one of the toughest fights of his career.



Imran Khan: England task

Test skipper

Imran Khan has been named Pakistan's captain for the forthcoming five-Test tour of England. The 34-year-old all-rounder arrived at Lahore yesterday from India, where he had led his country to their first Test series win in India. The rest of the tour party will be announced later.

Bruno date

Unbeaten Mike Tyson will defend his WBC and WBA world heavyweight boxing titles against former World Boxing Council (WBC) champion Pinklon Thomas in Las Vegas on May 30, his co-manager, Bill Cayton, confirmed. The bout will be the first of a four-fight schedule planned for Tyson for the remainder of this year. Tyson plans to fight the IBF champion in July, and Bruno in England in September.

Mighty Malta

Malta's mainly part-time side held Portugal to a 2-2 draw in a European soccer championship qualifying match at Funchal, Madeira, to gain their first-ever away point of the competition. The visitors were 2-1 ahead with only 14 minutes left but Jorge Placido spared Portugal's blushes with shot from 20-yards.

Jungle news

The British team of George Bee and Iain Chapman are leading the eighth Camel Trophy off-road driving competition in Madagascar after the first of 14 special stages, a high-speed timed section in the heart of the Malagasy jungle.

Jaguar win extends world lead

From a Correspondent
Jerez

Eddie Cheever and his Brazilian co-driver, Raul Boesel, scored a well-earned victory for the Silk Cut Jaguar team here yesterday, and extended their lead in the World Sportscar championship over the factory and private Porsche teams.

A collision before the half-way mark lost the Jaguar team two laps, and the sister car, of Watson and Lammers, had already retired with a broken drive-shaft.

The works Rothmans-Porsche team looked commanding in first and second places, but the PDK semi-automatic transmission in the Bell/Stuck car lost fourth gear, and an hour later Mass/Wollek retired with complete gearbox failure. Bell and Stuck continued at reduced speed to finish in third place, behind the Kremer Porsche driven by Nissen and Weidler.

In fourth and fifth places were the Spice-Ford Cosworth of Spice and Velez, and the Spirtair Ecosse Ford Cosworth of Mallock and Leslie.